

**Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

**Detroit - Michigan
May 28, 1940**

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

On May 16, 1940, [redacted] of the Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, telephoned the writer and advised that one BEN BASKIN, alias CARL PRUSSIAN, who led the Ford Hunger March in demonstrations held by radical labor elements several years ago in Detroit, had passed his examination for employment in Federal service under the Wage-Hour Law. [redacted] stated that according to information he has received BASKIN will be placed in active duty within a short time.

The above information is being submitted for whatever interest it has to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

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J. S. Bugas, SAC
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PRUSSIAN, Karl
alias Ben Baskin
5337 Fort Street
Detroit, Michigan

Communist

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A search of the Communist Party Headquarters on February 6, 1940, by Bureau Agents with a search warrant in connection with the case entitled [redacted] with aliases, ET AL. ENLISTMENTS FOR SPAIN," Detroit file 54-25, at 5969 - 14th Street, Detroit, Michigan, revealed that KARL PRUSSIAN, 5337 Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan, was a member of the District No. 5 Committee of the Communist Party of Michigan.

In 1933 married MOLLIE WOLINSKI, an active member of the Young Communists League. In 1933 was active inside the Plymouth Motor Company plant, Detroit, Michigan, soliciting members. In 1935 employed at Briggs Mack plant, also a member of Communist unit there. Later in 1935 was employed at the DeSoto plant, where he helped organize the C.I.O. union with other Communists, made up largely of Young Communist League members, including one NYDIA BARKER, Young Communist. In 1937 and 1938 addressed mobs at the employment office gates during sit downs, displaying a Packard Company badge on his coat. Was instrumental in having his local unions affiliate with the Conference for the Protection of Civil Rights, Financial Aid to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and the American Youth Congress of Communist front enterprises. Has been a member of the Young Communist League, Unit No. 2, Section No. 1, Oakland Section, from 1933 to 1935. In 1936 he was transferred from the Young Communists League to the Communist Party. He attended conventions of the League Against War and Fascism, in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1935, and the American Youth Congress in 1936, 1937, and 1938, with his wife MOLLIE WOLINSKI. They also attended Camp Liberty, a Communist summer camp on week-ends during this period. Associates only with Jewish Reds and Negroes. (From the records of the company of F-1, whose identity is known to the Bureau, 9/15/39; Detroit file 100-1828).

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June 16, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas

RE: KARL PRUSSIAN, aka Sam Goldstein, Ben Baskin
Interviewer, U. S. Employment Service
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead dated March 9, 1942, at El Paso, Texas, your file No. 100-1080. There are being forwarded for your information with this letter photostatic copies of the investigative reports of a previous investigation conducted by the Office of Military Intelligence.

In view of the information which you have received, you are authorized to institute an immediate investigation in accordance with the instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 35, First Series, 1941.

You should first verify the exact Government employment of the subject. If it is learned that the person is no longer employed by the Government the Bureau should be so advised by letter. The Internal Security, Hatch Act, case should then be closed. Any further investigation which you deem necessary should be conducted under an Internal Security Classification, and no further consideration need be given to Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress.

You should then consult your original source of information and determine whether the data originally reported by you is authentic and may be verified. In the event you find that the original complaint is without factual basis the investigation may then be limited to appropriately interviewing the subject. The investigative report in such a case must clearly show the basis for the original inquiry and must specifically set out the facts upon which you have determined that a comprehensive investigation is unnecessary.

If it is determined from the preliminary inquiry that the original information is accurate, the entire matter must receive expeditious attention. A complete report containing all pertinent information and prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the above-mentioned Bulletin must be submitted within fifteen days.

In accordance with my previous instructions the utmost care must be used in the preparation of this report and in the absence of unusual circumstances the entire investigation should be contained in one report. Inasmuch as copies of these reports are forwarded directly to

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the interested Government Agencies there may be no reference to custodial detention matters. Particular care must be given to protecting the identity of the sources of information.

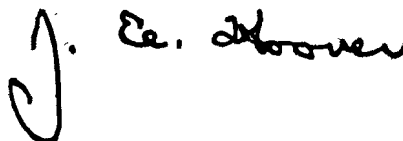
During the interview with the subject, which must be conducted in every case, the questions asked must be concise, pertinent to the case and should not pertain to background information which may have no probative value in developing the investigation. No statements should be made during the interview concerning the identity of the various organizations which have been declared "subversive" in connection with this project. You may ask questions concerning membership in such organizations but no statement should be made to the effect that any particular organization has been designated "subversive."

The only exception to the rule requiring an interview with the subject is in a case where it is shown that the original complaint is false or malicious and the subject has been wrongfully accused.

A complete report must be submitted within 15 days from the receipt of this letter.

All information presently in the possession of your office with respect to the captioned individual should, of course, be summarized in the investigative report which will be submitted upon the completion of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. E. Hoover". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped initial "J" and a cursive "E. Hoover".

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

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April 13, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas

RE: KARL PRUSSIAN with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

For your information, there are transmitted
herewith two photostatic copies of a communication furnished
this Bureau by the Office of United States Military Intelligence.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **EL PASO, TEXAS**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 5/7/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/14/42	REPORT MADE BY WALTER L. OBLINGER EJP/MCB
TITLE KARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases, Sam Goldstein, Ben Baskin			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confidential Informant F1 furnished background activities of KARL PRUSSIAN, known Communist organizer, formerly married to MOLLIE WOLINSKY, known Communist. Is active in industrial unionism. Formerly member of United States Army Air Corps, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Born Brooklyn, New York, on January 31, 1910. Custodial Detention memorandum previously submitted to Bureau.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent CHARLES B. WINSTEAD dated February 18, 1942, at El Paso, Texas.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent CHARLES B. WINSTEAD dated January 21, 1942, at El Paso, Texas.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p>KARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases Communist Sam Goldstein, Ben Baskin Resides at Albuquerque, New Mexico</p> <p><i>1cc to [unclear] 4/15/53 2 TT [unclear] 4/16/53</i> KARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases, according to his own</p>			
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(Detroit file 100-1828)

statement, was born in Brooklyn New York, on January 31, 1910. (Report of Special Agent CHARLES B. WINSTEAD dated January 21, 1942, at El Paso, Texas.)

A list of names was obtained February 6, 1940 from the Michigan Communist Party Headquarters, 5969 14th Street, Detroit, Michigan through exercise of a search warrant by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The warrant was issued by Judge EDWARD J. MOINET of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on February 5, 1940. This two-page list contained no main heading but did have the following breakdowns: "SExecutive; Outstate; Lang; Bureau; Labor; Agrarian; Record; Educational; Membership; Negro; 1; S2; 3; 4; and 5." Under the heading "5" is the following "KARL PRUSSIAN, 5337-4th.

Confidential Informant Fl, whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished the following on Subject:

"Age 38, 1938. Not much known about Prussian until about 1933, when he married Molly Wilinski. His wife Molly has been an active Young Communist League district member for many years and well known in communist circles.

"Prussian, one of the very few of his nationality, being convinced early in 1933, that the Communist slogan which was not then practiced: 'The Communist Forces is Within the Shops' became employed at the Plymouth Plant. At that time there was no C.I.O. and Prussian was a member of the Communist nuclei of the Plymouth Plant with three of four other communists, carrying on agitation and propaganda within this plant. At this time Prussian was not a district leader, but being one of the few communists working inside an auto plant, attended all important district meetings of the communists emphasizing to the membership that it was necessary that they become employed in auto shops. By 1935, after being discharged at Plymouth, and with the new United Front tactics of the Communists, he became more prominent within the communist ranks. Now employed at Briggs-Mack plant he was a member of the communist unit here and was now attending A.F. of L. Opposition Group meetings at the Wolverine Hotel along with Nat Ganley as the leader of this group, Richard Kroon of Local #37 Painters, Francis Comfort of the Teachers Local, Walter Bergman and other prominent leaders of the Left-Wing movement of today.

"Leaving Briggs in 1935, after only a short stay there, he was employed at the DeSoto Plant at a time when the C.I.O. was coming into being. Here he helped organize this local union along with several other Reds, monthly Young Communist League members including Nydia Barker. He became an official of this local union and records state he was elected President of the local in 1936. Nydia Barker became Recording Secretary and with their positions held this local under communist control and did much in supporting Walter Reuther in his West Side Locals of the U.A.W. in creating sit-down strikes in the different automobile plants on the West Side of Detroit. In 1937-38, he became connected in some way with the Packard Local and in addressing mobs from the employment office gates there during a sit-down strike, displayed a Packard badge on his coat. It is believed that he borrowed or stole this

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Post Office Box 1679
El Paso, Texas
September 16, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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RE: KARL PRUSSIAN, aka Sam Goldstein, Ben
Baskin, Interviewer, U. S. Employment
Service
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated June 16, 1942, directing the Hatch Act investigation of this Subject. Upon receipt of that letter it was ascertained that PRUSSIAN is no longer employed by the United States Government, as reflected in the report of Special Agent C. B. WINSTEAD, dated at El Paso on June 25, 1942. In that report leads were set out for verification of PRUSSIAN'S present whereabouts, in which connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Detroit on September 1, 1942.

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Since the latter report definitely establishes the fact that Subject is no longer employed by the Government but is presently employed at the River Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Company, in Detroit, the Bureau is respectfully advised that this case is being placed in a closed status in this division unless the Bureau instructs to the contrary.

The attention of the Detroit Office is invited to the report of Special Agent C. B. WINSTEAD, dated at El Paso on February 18, 1942, of which report the Detroit Office was furnished an information copy, wherein the Subject admits that he participated in fomenting unrest and strikes in automobile plants in Detroit and engaged in riots. It is believed that, in view of the Subject's established residence in Detroit and current employment with the Ford Motor Company, appropriate attention should be directed to his admitted record as an agitator and to his known background as a Communist organizer.



cc - Detroit

Very truly yours,

D. A. BRYCE
Special Agent in Charge

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: KARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases
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CUSTODIAL DETENTION

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____

Mr. Clegg _____

A review of the Bureau file in this matter reflects that Karl

Mr. Glavin is now residing at 12812 Montville, Detroit, Michigan, and is

Mr. Ladd employed at the Baton Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Company. As he has

Mr. Nichols apparently taken up permanent residence at the above address, the El Paso

Mr. Rosen Office is instructed to thoroughly review their files and be sure that the

Mr. Tracy Detroit Office is in possession of all pertinent serials in this case.

Mr. Carson _____

Mr. Coffey _____

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September 23, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *DL*

Re: Karl Prussian, also known as
Kalman Prussion, Sam Goldstein,
Ben Baskin
INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT - C

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Inasmuch as it has been determined that this subject is no longer employed by the Federal Government, investigation under the above caption is being discontinued. However, it is suggested that this matter be referred to the Internal Security section for possible future attention.

Respectfully,

EWT
E. W. Tamm

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United States Department of Justice

El Paso, Texas
October 30, 1942

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Re: ⁰KARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases.
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
CUSTODIAL DETENTION. 98

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Bureau letter dated October 16, 1942, (61-9152) instructing that this office forward all pertinent serials in the above mentioned file to the Detroit Office, a review of the file reveals that the new office of origin has all necessary serials with the exception of the following:

Closing report of Special Agent C. B. WINSTEAD,
El Paso, Texas, dated March 9, 1942.

Photostatic copies of communications furnished to the Bureau by the office of U. S. Military Intelligence, transmitted to the El Paso Office as enclosures with letters to this office dated April 13 and June 16, 1942.

The above listed serials are being transmitted to the Detroit Office as enclosures with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

D. A. Bryce
D. A. BRYCE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice**

El Paso, Texas
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Re: ^①KARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases.
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
CUSTODIAL DETENTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau file 61-9152 dealing with the captioned Subject, who has long been under scrutiny as a leading Communist suspect in this division.

The office of origin in this case was recently changed to Detroit, where PRUSSIAN was recently employed at the Baton Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company. He apparently has terminated this employment and has reappeared in the El Paso Division.

Special Agent CHARLES B. WINSTEAD, Resident Agent at Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that this Subject called at the Resident Agency office in Albuquerque on November 30, 1942, advising that he wished to report to Agent WINSTEAD and that he had returned to New Mexico. He advised that he had left Detroit on account of his wife's health and that he had been employed at the Ford factory with full knowledge of M.I.D. and the Bureau. He stated that he was interviewed about four months ago at the Ford plant by either an Army Intelligence representative or an FBI agent with a view to re-employing him in the U. S. Army Engineers, and the interviewer showed him a memorandum so stating.

PRUSSIAN advised that his reason for calling on Agent WINSTEAD was to ascertain whether or not that Agent would "clear him" so that he could secure employment with the Army Engineers, at Albuquerque. He was informed that Agent WINSTEAD would make no statement of any kind concerning him; that the Bureau handled his case just as all others; and that the information available in the Bureau's files was solely for the benefit of the government and specifically, the Attorney General.

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December 8, 1942
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CUSTODIAL DETENTION

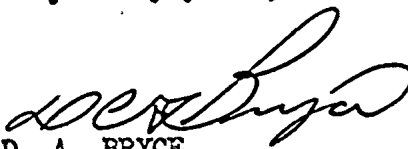
PRUSSIAN apparently labored under the misapprehension that he was entitled to a statement from the Bureau to the effect that previous association with the Communist Party is no bar to employment with the War Department. In developing this theme he stated that he had not approached the Communists for a long time, specifically since 1938. When he made this statement Agent WINSTEAD reminded him that when interviewed as recorded in the report of Special Agent C. B. WINSTEAD, El Paso, dated February 18, 1942, he had denied he had ever been a member of the Communist Party. PRUSSIAN then stated, "Well, I can explain that. I was given an application to fill out for membership in the Internationale, but I never executed it. Some Federal bureau has that application now".

Continuing, PRUSSIAN stated, "I did associate with the Communists and did attend their cell meetings, but I have not done so since 1938, when I was expelled from the Communist Party. I never belonged to the Communist Party district in New Mexico. I never again intend to join them".

PRUSSIAN intimated in his conversation that he was of the opinion that the Bureau through its representative, Agent WINSTEAD, was the cause of his discharge as a civilian employee at Kirkland Field, Albuquerque. In his conversation along this line he made the remark, "It doesn't make any difference now if a man was a Communist -- some of the most active Communists have been appointed captains and majors in the Army, and here I am, not able to get work with the government and I have not been a Communist for some time".

In conclusion, Subject stated that if he could not get work in Albuquerque he would probably proceed to the West Coast. In this connection he stated that a Dr. LEE at Espanola, New Mexico, would know of his whereabouts.

Very truly yours,


D. A. BRYCE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Detroit

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Detroit - Michigan
March 10, 1943

Director, FBI

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Re: ^DKARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated December 8, 1942, emanating from the El Paso, Texas, Field Division, copies of which were forwarded to this office in the above entitled matter.

The Bureau's attention is respectfully directed to the third paragraph of the referenced letter wherein it is stated that Special Agent Charles B. Winstead, Resident Agent at Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that the Subject called at the Resident Agency Office in Albuquerque on November 30, 1942, advising that he had returned to New Mexico and desired a "clearance" from the Bureau.

In view of the fact that the Subject is now apparently located in the territory covered by the El Paso Field Division, it is requested that that office be designated as the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN S. BUGAS, SAC

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **EL PASO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **100-1060**

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TITLE KARL PRUSSIAN, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: File reviewed. Additional leads set out attempting to ascertain present whereabouts of Subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent dated Sept. 1, 1942, at Detroit, Mich.

DETAILS:

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AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Instant file was reviewed, and additional leads are being set out in an attempt to ascertain the present whereabouts of the Subject.

For the information of offices not receiving copies of previous reports in instant case, a review of the file reflects that Subject is married to DOROTHY PRUSSIAN, a cousin of

Platteville, Wisconsin. It is suggested that be interviewed and asked Subject's present address, or the names of associates of his who might be in a position to furnish an address for the Subject.

*To
Hicks & Pass
cc Detroit
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DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will at 12812 Montville interview the occupants who are believed to be parents of Subject. If they are his parents, will attempt to ascertain present whereabouts of Subject, so that proper leads may be set out to ascertain his activities.

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AT PLATTEVILLE, WISCONSIN

Will interview [redacted] employed by [redacted] and attempt to ascertain present whereabouts of Subject, or associates of his who might be able to furnish information as to his whereabouts. It is noted that [redacted] a cousin of DOROTHY PRUSSIAN, wife of Subject.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **EL PASO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. 100-1060

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 6/29/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/24,29/44	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES C. SPANN jm
TITLE KARL PRUSSIAN, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject located residing Los Altos,
California.

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REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent El Paso, 6/5/44.

DETAILS

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AT ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO

Dr. ERNEST C. LEE advised upon contact that subject, KARL PRUSSIAN, was presently located at the Altos Knoll Apartments, Route 1, San Antonio Drive, Los Altos, California.

Auxiliary offices have been notified of subject's location.

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SAC, El Paso

June 27, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

KARL PRUSSIAN, with aliases
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated June 5, 1944, at El Paso, Texas, in the above captioned matter, wherein it was indicated that the file was reviewed and leads set out to locate the above subject.

Mr. Tolson. A review of this report discloses that no investigation was conducted by Mr. E. the El Paso Office in an effort to locate this individual. The Detroit and Mr. C. Milwaukee Field Divisions are instructed to hold the leads for their field divisions Mr. C. Milwaukee and the El Paso Office is instructed to conduct appropriate investigation Mr. G. in their field division for the purpose of locating this individual. It is suggested Mr. L. that Dr. E. C. Leo, Espanola, New Mexico, be contacted and that appropriate contacts Mr. N. also be had with your confidential informants for the purpose of locating Prussian. Mr. R. In the event you are unable to locate this individual within the territory covered Mr. T. by your field division, you should notify the Detroit and Milwaukee Field Divisions, Mr. C. as well as the Bureau, and the leads set out in the above mentioned report will then Mr. H. be covered.

Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Hardo
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SAC, San Francisco

September 30, 1949

Director, FBI

KARL PRUSSIAN, was.
POSSIBLE CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
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SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 61-9152)

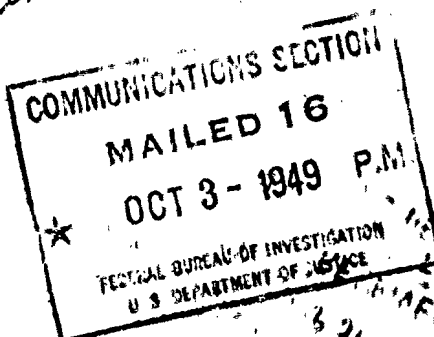
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Reurlet dated August 15, 1949.

Permission is granted to contact Prussian with the purpose of developing him as a confidential informant. Contacts with Prussian should be handled in a very circumspect manner as a review of the reports of SA C. E. Winstead dated January 31, and February 18, 1942, at El Paso, indicates conflicting information furnished by Prussian with that furnished by a confidential informant. It should be pointed out to Prussian that any activities on his part in the Communist Party is entirely voluntary on his part. The agents handling this matter should be cautioned against the volunteering of any information to this individual.

Subject was investigated by the Bureau from May 31, 1940 until November 1944. Investigation indicated that he is known to have been active in the Communist Party and with the Young Communist League from about 1933 until 1938. During that period he was a Labor Organizer. The last reported Communist Party activity on this individual was in February, 1940 when he was reported employed by District 5, Committee of the Communist Party at Detroit while at Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1941. He is reported to have been in the company of known communists. He has contacted Bureau offices on two other occasions other than those listed in referenced memorandum.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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Director, FBI

RE: KARL PRUSSIAN, was
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 DEFENSE INFORMANT SF 1740
 SECURITY MATTER - C
 (Bureau File 61-9152)

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1949, granting permission to contact PRUSSIAN with the purpose of developing him as a confidential informant.

Informant was contacted on August 5, 1949 by two agents of this office, at which time he reiterated his desire to be of assistance to the FBI in Communist matters. He stated that he realized that he was on the wrong side when he was a member of the Communist Party and would like to even the score by giving assistance to the government. He was advised by agents that any actions on his part toward rejoining the Communist Party would be entirely voluntary.

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PRUSSIAN advised of his intentions to subscribe to the "Daily People's World" in an effort to regain his previous contacts with the Communist Party and stated that he would observe this paper closely in order that he might attend any open meetings of a Communist or Communist front organization in the neighborhood of Palo Alto, California, such as might be advertised in the People's World.

PRUSSIAN has been recontacted from time to time by agents of this office, and on October 17, 1949, he advised that he received what he considered a tentative invitation to rejoin the Communist Party.

According to PRUSSIAN, on September 14, 1949, he attended a meeting at the Sunnyvale Civic Auditorium, Sunnyvale, California, where GEORGE LOHR, Foreign Editor, People's World, gave a "Report on the Peace Conference held in Mexico City." After the meeting, informant introduced himself to JOE HOUSEMAN and ELIZABETH NICHOLAS, both known to be members of the Communist Party in Santa Clara County. He stated that in his

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conversation with NICHOLAS and HOUSEMAN, they asked him if he knew BARNEY CRUMP from Detroit. Informant stated that it so happens that he was in the Communist Party with both BARNEY CRUMP and BARNEY's wife, who were both active in the Party at Detroit. He stated that HOUSEMAN and NICHOLAS checked with the CRUMPS who apparently gave him a good name, and since that time, they have contacted him on several occasions.

Informant stated on 10-16-49, HOUSEMAN visited his house and asked him how he felt about rejoining the Communist Party, and suggested that he might get a job in a plant so he could join the United Electrical Workers' Union. Informant stated that he expressed an interest in so joining, but has not received any direct invitations as yet. He is of the opinion that possibly a letter may be written back to the Party in Detroit to clear him first.

On October 20, 1949, informant submitted a written report on his activities to date, and the persons whom he has met. Inasmuch as he is submitting information, he has been given a CNDI number, to wit, SF 1740, and unless advised to the contrary, will be considered by this office as a confidential informant.

Informant was paid the sum of \$10.00 for the month of October for the ostensible purpose of repaying him for his subscription in the Daily People's World and what small expenses he has incurred in attending front meetings.

Very truly yours,



H. M. KIMBALL
Special Agent in Charge



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California

December 20, 1950

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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Director, FBI

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RE: KARL PRUSSIAN
CONF. INFO CNDI SE-1740
(Bufile 61-9152)

Dear Sir:

Reylet 11/4/49.

This is to advise that contact with the above informant has been maintained since submission of my last letter. To date he has not been successful in obtaining re-admission into the Communist Party but is still hopeful that such invitation will be extended him. During these contacts with the informant he has been friendly and has offered his cooperation.

He has advised that on May 29, 1950, EVERETT FAIRCHILD and JOE HOUSEMAN, both known to this office as prominent Communists, called on him. He recalled that their visit was brief and that they did not discuss Communism and contented themselves with selling him a subscription to the "People's World". He paid them for a two-month subscription hoping that they would have to return at a later date and that an opportunity would be presented for discussion of his re-joining the Party. He has made several efforts since then to contact JOE HOUSEMAN relative to securing employment, but has to date had no invitation from HOUSEMAN to join the CP.

PRUSSIAN was able to furnish this office information regarding NYDIA LUTHY, San Francisco File 65-4150. This information has been furnished to the Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Francisco and has been of some value in the I&NS perjury prosecution of LUTHY.

PRUSSIAN will be contacted from time to time and will be carried as a confidential national defense informant of this office. No payment has been made to him, with the exception of \$10 mentioned in relet, and it is not contemplated that such payment will be made.

Very truly yours,

Harry M. Kimball
HARRY M. KIMBALL
Special Agent in Charge

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KARL PRUSSIAN
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT SF-1740

1. NAME: KARL PRUSSIAN.

2. ^{CONF. INFT.} SYMBOL NUMBER: SF-1740.

3. DATES OF CONTACT: 2/16;5/8,29/51.

4. INFORMATIVE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED: Has furnished information of activities of several known Communists in Communist front organizations, among them IPP and the Los Altos-Mountain View Civic Unity Council. Has furnished information resulting in opening new case files as in case of [redacted]

5. VALUE INFORMATION FURNISHED: Valuable - believed accurate and some of it concerns a new CP front.

6. LABOR UNION AFFILIATION: AF of L Carpenters Union, San Jose Local.

7. DRAFT STATUS: None.

8. CRIMINAL RECORD: Michigan State Police Bureau #93128 as TONY FRO, 11/25/35, Detroit, Michigan; 3/7/32 and 2/4/33 as SAM GOLDSTEIN for distributing CP Literature and rioting.

9. POSITION IN PARTY: Is ex-Communist attempting to rejoin CP through participation in CP Front activity and friendship with Communists [redacted] and WALTER HARJU; Member of Los Altos-Mountain View Civic Unity Council.

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Reurlet dated February 21, 1952.

For your information ONI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., has been advised of the informant's background and of the fact that he has cooperated with your office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: February 21, 1952

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6328)

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SUBJECT: SF-1740-S

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Miss Gandy	_____

Remylet 12/20/50.

SF-1740-S has since 1949 been utilized as an unpaid informant by this office and has been able to furnish general Communist Party front information concerning Santa Clara County. He is acquainted with JOE HOUSEMAN, WALTER HARJU, DORRIS DAWSON and several other Security Index card subjects, and has reported on their activities. He is a member of Communist Party front organizations such as Los Altos-Mountain View Council for Civic Unity and Independent Progressive Party, and has reported on fund-raising functions of groups controlled by the Communist Party. While he has furnished no actual Communist Party information, his services have been of considerable value. However, there appears no immediate prospect that he can attain Communist Party membership.

SF-1740-S has been employed for the past six to eight months by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Sunnyvale, California. He was recently transferred to day work at Westinghouse and is now working on U. S. Navy contract work. In connection with this work, he was asked to fill out a PSQ. He advised that he submitted his PSQ to plant officials on January 23, 1952, and that he had not mentioned former Communist Party membership. He furnished a statement addressed to Navy Intelligence admitting Communist Party membership ending in 1939. He denied any Communist Party activity or connections subsequent to 1939, and described himself as opposed to Communism. He asked that this statement be furnished to the local office of ONI. He stated that he handled his PSQ in this manner in order that the plant officials would not discharge him as a former Communist. However, he wanted Navy Intelligence to have full information as to his former Communist activity and his present feelings. He also asked that if possible, the Bureau apprise ONI of his having cooperated with the FBI. The above statement was furnished to Commander LEN FARRELL, of MID, San Francisco, who advised he will attach it to the informant's PSQ when it comes through his office. He noted, however, that his indices reflect several references to informant, and that OSI and G-2 have also received FBI reports on him. It was the opinion of the Commander that the PSQ with this attachment would probably result in informant's failing to receive clearance and loss of his job.

EXPEDITE

In this connection, SF-1740-S advised that he is greatly concerned over the possibility of losing this job. He feels that as an alternative to loss of his job, he might disclose to ONI, G-2 and OSI the fact that he has cooperated with the FBI in an effort to atone for his Communist Party membership.

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The informant did not appear to be suggesting this alternative as a threat, but stated that he feels at sometime in his life a point must be reached where his work against the Communists should begin to cancel out his former Communist Party membership, and at which time he should become eligible for employment by his government or on defense work. He pointed out that he has not sought to be placed on restricted work, but that he was assigned to it by Westinghouse officials. He stated that in his field of metallurgical engineering, there is little opportunity for a man who cannot be cleared for restricted work.

In connection with the above, it is recalled that the report of SA C. B. WINSTEAD, dated 1/21/42, at El Paso, indicated the possibility that the informant was at that time attempting to secure information for the Communists. In SA WINSTEAD's report, dated 2/18/42, at El Paso, it is noted that informant denied ever having been a Communist Party member. He subsequently admitted Party membership to Agents of the San Francisco Office in 1949.

As you know, SF-1740-S is not actually a Communist Party member, but is being utilized in an area where this office has little coverage. Loss of his services would, to some degree, impair coverage of Communist Party front activity in Santa Clara County.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to give consideration to advising the interested intelligence services through its liaison with those services of informant's cooperation with the Bureau. If this is impractical, advice is requested whether SF-1740-S should be told he may, if he chooses, attempt to clear his record with the above services by informing them of his cooperation with the FBI. It is contemplated that if he does so, these services will ask the FBI for verification, and the Bureau's advice as to what answer should be given them is solicited.

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Supervisor Donohue

Room 1704

Subj: Karl P. Russian

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RE: KARL PRUSSIAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The captioned individual is presently employed by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation at Sunnyvale, California. He was recently transferred to work being performed under a contract with the United States Navy and in connection therewith submitted to plant officials a Personnel Security Questionnaire on January 23, 1952.

Prussian was active in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League from 1933 until approximately 1938 in the Detroit area. At one time he rose to the position of Organizer of the West Side Section in Detroit and was considered as a candidate for the Lenin School in Moscow. According to his own statement, Prussian dropped out of the Communist Party in about 1938 due to personal reasons.

In June of 1947 Prussian voluntarily contacted this Bureau in order to furnish information concerning Communist Party activity. Since 1949 he has been in contact with this Bureau on a regular basis and has furnished information regarding subversive activities in the State of California. He is not now known to be a member of the Communist Party.

Prussian has advised that he did not list his Communist Party membership on the PSQ mentioned above. Prussian did, however, prepare a statement regarding his former Communist Party membership which statement was furnished to Commander Len Farrell in San Francisco.

The above information is furnished for your confidential use and is not to be disseminated outside of your Agency. It was furnished so that you will be in possession of all the facts regarding the above-captioned individual and should not be considered a request for clearance or disapproval.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN
SAN FRANCISCO SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: March 11, 1952

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PURPOSE

To recommend that ONI be advised of the background of captioned individual and of the fact that he has cooperated with the Bureau during the past three years.

DETAILS

Prussian was investigated by the Bureau from May 31, 1940, until November, 1944. Investigation indicated that he is known to have been active in the Communist Party and with the Young Communist League from about 1933 until 1938. During that period he was a labor organizer and rose to the position of Organizer of the West Side Section, Detroit. He dropped out of the Party due to personal reasons in 1938 about which time he was being considered as a candidate for the Lenin School in Moscow.

In June, 1947 and again in April, 1949 Prussian contacted the San Francisco Office and indicated his desire to furnish information. Since that time he has been utilized by the San Francisco Office as an unpaid informant and he has been able to furnish general Communist Party front information concerning Santa Clara County, California. He is a member of several Communist Party front organizations and San Francisco advises that his services have been of considerable value. There does not appear, however, to be any immediate prospect that he can again become active in the Communist Party.

Prussian has been employed during the past six or eight months by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Sunnyvale, California. He was recently placed on a position working on United States Navy contract work and was asked to fill out a Personnel Security Questionnaire. He submitted this PSQ to plant officials and did not mention his former Communist

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Party membership thereon. Instead he furnished a statement to ONI admitting Communist Party membership ending in 1939. San Francisco further advises, moreover, that Commander Len Farrell advised that he will attach this statement to the informant's PSQ when it comes through his office. Commander Farrell noted, however, that his indices reflect several references to Prussian and that ONI, OSI, and G-2 have received FBI reports concerning him. It was Commander Farrell's opinion that the PSQ with the attached statement of Prussian would probably result in informant's failing to receive clearance and he would subsequently lose his job.

Prussian is greatly concerned over the possibility of losing this job and asked that the Bureau apprise ONI of his cooperation with the FBI if this was possible. Prussian pointed out that in his field of metallurgical engineering there is little opportunity for a man who cannot be cleared for restricted work. Prussian feels that as an alternative to loss of his job he might disclose to ONI, OSI, and G-2 the fact that he has cooperated with the FBI in an effort to atone for his Communist Party membership. San Francisco requested the Bureau to give consideration to advising the interested intelligence services of the informant's cooperation with the Bureau.

OBSERVATIONS

Although the informant is not a member of the Communist Party at the present, San Francisco advises that the loss of his services would impair coverage of Communist Party front activities in Santa Clara County. According to Commander Farrell, Prussian will probably lose his job as the situation now stands. If this occurs he will probably reveal his cooperation with us as a matter of self-preservation and we will undoubtedly receive a name check from ONI as a result thereof.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended, therefore, that we advise ONI of the background of captioned individual together with the fact that he has been furnishing information to the Bureau since 1949. If you approve, the attached blank memorandum should be furnished to ONI by liaison and the attached letter transmitted to San Francisco.

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KARL PRUSSTAN,
was. Ben Baskin, Sam Goldstein,
Tony Fro

Confidential National Defense Informant SF 1740

1. BACKGROUND: Born 1/31/10, Brooklyn, New York. He attended Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan but did not graduate. He resides at Box 153-C, Route 2, Mountain View, California. He is employed at Thoits ShoeStore, 174 University Avenue, Palo Alto, California. Paid \$10.00 for month of October. Not being paid regularly.
2. PRODUCTIVITY: Furnishes some information pertaining to Communist Party activities in Palo Alto and Mountain View, California.
3. TYPES OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY OR NAMES OR ORGANIZATIONS COVERED: Some Communist Party social gatherings in Palo Alto and Mountain View, California.
4. INFORMANT'S LABOR UNION AFFILIATION: None.
5. COOPERATIVENESS OF INFORMANT: Cooperative.
6. CRIMINAL RECORD: Michigan State Police Bureau #93128, under name of TONY FRO, 11/25/35, Detroit, Michigan. 3/7/32 and 2/4/33 under name of SAM GOLDSTEIN for passing out Communist Party literature and participation in Ford riot.
FBI arrest record under FBI #345290A attached.

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J. E. Hoover
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3. Dates of contact (within last six months.)

2/21/52; 2/25/52; 3/3/52; 3/21/52; 4/18/52; 5/8/52.

4. Informative summary of information furnished.

Furnished information re contacts with several known Communists, attendance at Independent Progressive Party meetings, and with a group of left-wing labor union people.

5. Value of information received.

Information is of value.

6. Labor union affiliation, if any.

None active - carries card in AFL Carpenter's Union.

7. Draft status or status in reserves.

Not registered and over military age.

8. Criminal record.

Michigan State Police Bureau #93128 as TONY FRO, 11/25/35, Detroit, Michigan.

3/7/32 and 2/4/33 as SAM GOLDSTEIN for distributing Communist Party literature and rioting.

9. Prospects for advancement as an informant.

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1. NAME: KARL PRUSSIAN.
2. SYMBOL NUMBER: SF 1740-S.
3. DATES OF CONTACT WITHIN LAST SIX MONTHS: July 5; August 14;
September 22;
October 22;
November 28, 1952.
4. INFORMATIVE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED: Furnished information re contacts with several known Communists, attendance at Independent Progressive Party meetings, and with a group of left-wing labor union people.
5. VALUE OF INFORMATION RECEIVED: Information is of value.
6. LABOR UNION AFFILIATION: None active, carries card in AFL Carpenters' Union.
7. DRAFT OR RESERVE STATUS: None.
8. CRIMINAL RECORD: Michigan State Police Bureau #93128 as TONY FRO, 11/25/35, Detroit, Michigan.
3/7/32 and 2/4/33 as SAM GOLDSTEIN for distributing Communist Party literature and rioting.
9. CP OR OTHER PARTY MEMBERSHIP: None.
10. FRONT GROUP MEMBERSHIPS: IPP.
11. ON WHICH UNIONS, IF ANY, CAN HE REPORT CP INFILTRATION: None.

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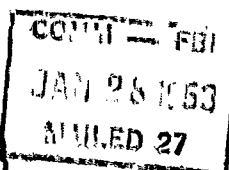
Based on your personal recommendation, authority is granted to pay captioned informant up to \$35 per month for expenses actually incurred for a period of six months effective January 15, 1953. Inasmuch as you are just beginning to pay this informant on a regular basis, you should follow his activity carefully and two weeks prior to the expiration of the authorized period you should submit an informative summary together with your recommendation for a continuation of the above arrangement.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-9152)
 FROM : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)
 SUBJECT: ~~CONF. INET~~ SF 1740-S

DATE: January 9, 1953

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 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Informant is not yet a member of the Communist Party. He is present a member of the IPP in Mountain View, California, and of the Los Altos Mountain View Council for Civic Unity, both of which are Communist infiltrated organizations. In connection with IPP work, he meets regularly with DONALD H. CLARK, a CP leader in Santa Clara County and an SI card subject. He is a close friend of JOE HOUSEMAN and WALTER HARJU, and has an acquaintanceship with HAROLD and BERNICE BAUGHMAN, DORIS DAWSON, and TED VELTFORT, all of whom are SI card subjects. He reports regularly on information obtained from these people and his services have been of better than average value to this office.

He is a member of an unofficial organization gathered together by JOE HOUSEMAN, member of the CP and former member of Santa Clara County Committee of the CP as well as organizer for UE for Santa Clara County. The purpose of this organization, according to HOUSEMAN, is to enable UE to infiltrate and capture the White-Collar Workers Union at the Westinghouse Plant, Sunnyvale, California. Informant has reported on the activities of this group.

HOUSEMAN was recently transferred to Los Angeles and his successor, as UE organizer, is FRANK LAWTON FULLER, also a Communist and SI card subject. SF 1740-S was recently contacted by a member of this group who told him he would arrange a meeting for informant with FULLER in an effort to carry on the work of this group. Informant expects interesting developments from this meeting.

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

Information received in this office indicates that the CP is recruiting at present in the Santa Clara County area with special emphasis being placed on obtaining recruits who are employed in basic industry. The Party has stated it will re-recruit members who left the Party in good standing. As you know, SF 1740-S falls into this category. He states he will make a real effort to make it known to his friends in the Party that he is available, and he expects that he will obtain CP membership.

Informant has traveled in connection with his IPP activity and contributed rather heavily since CLARK knows his financial circumstances are good. He estimates that in his efforts to join the Party to date, he has spent an average of about \$25.00 per month. He says he does not mind the expenditure, however, he has accepted a number of small payments totaling \$100.00 to date.

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Letter to Director from SF
Re: SF 1740-S

It is felt he should at least be compensated for expenses incurred, and that there is some backlog of expenses which have not been compensated for.

I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to make payments to the above informant up to \$35.00 per month for expenses actually incurred for a period of six months, effective January 15, 1953.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: April 1, 1953

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-1828)

REGISTERED MAIL

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN, was.

INTERNAL SECURITY - C; CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Reference report of SA WALTER L. OBLINGER, dated 5/7/42, at Detroit.

A list of 205 names was obtained February 6, 1940, from Michigan Communist Party Headquarters, 5969 14th Street, Detroit, Michigan, through exercise of a search warrant by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The warrant had been issued by Judge Edward J. Moinet, of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, February 5, 1940.

This list of names carried no caption but contained names of known and active Communist party members in District 7 of the Communist Party, USA. Inasmuch as the list cannot be positively identified as a Communist party Membership list, amended pages 1, 2 for reports which had incorrectly identified the list are herewith submitted. A photostatic copy of this list is contained in the files of the Detroit Division, Detroit file 65-86-553.

This is being done in accordance with Bureau instructions contained in Bureau letter to INS dated January 2, 1953, captioned [REDACTED] SECURITY MATTER - C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-381800)

DATE: 6/25/53

FROM : ASAC, San Francisco (134-7)

(CONFIDENTIAL)

SUBJECT: SF 1740-S

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Rebulet dated 1/26/53 authorizing payment of this informant for six months effective 1/15/53.

Since receipt of relet informant has continued working with [] in IPP in Mountain View, California and has maintained contact with the Los Altos-Mountain View Council for Soviet Unity, both of which are Communist infiltrated organizations. In this connection, [] is an SI card subject.

Informant has also been of service in furnishing information regarding [] an SI card subject, who is a close neighbor of informant. He has been of service in connection with the investigation by the Detroit Office to locate [] missing SI card subject of that office.

Through informant, this office was able to establish that [] was not residing with his former wife, [] in Mountain View, California. This matter is also being followed with informant with the view of interviewing [] for data with which to locate [].

Informant advises that his friendship with [] has reached the point where he has felt it proper to ask to rejoin the CP. He recently discussed this matter with [] telling him that he was approached several years ago to rejoin by []. He stated that he told [] that at that time he had been engaged in full time employment, days, and in completing his own home nights and weekends, and had not felt that he could adequately discharge his obligations to the Party. He told [] that he has now completed his home and wants to rejoin. He noted that [] reacted favorably and answered in a jovial vein "so you want to become a progressive again." He stated that [] made no commitment and acted somewhat "cagey" but he believes that this is [] normal manner rather than evidence of distrust.

He stated that he saw [] again on 6/15/53 when [] delivered his DPW. [] was friendly and appeared to want to discuss something with informant but being that his wife and two children for whom [] is caring at present were there, they were unable to talk. [] asked him if [] (SI card subject) had called on him. When informant answered that he had not, [] remarked that

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[] wife has been sick and asked that informant call him during the following week.

Informant has an appointment with [] set for the night of 6/19/53 to discuss his proposed CP membership. Informant expresses himself as very hopeful of obtaining CP membership.

It is noted that this office urgently needs coverage of CP in the Mountain View-Los Altos, Sunnyvale District of Santa Clara County.

I consider that this informant has justified the payments made to him. I therefore recommend that authority be granted to make payments to the above informant up to \$35 per month for services and expenses actually incurred for a period of six months effective 7/1/53.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: December 11, 1953

SUBJECT: SF 1740-S

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CONF. INFO

Remylet dated 6/25/53 on which authority was granted by the Bureau to continue payments of \$35 per month to this informant for six months, effective July 1, 1953.

Since my last letter, informant has furnished useful information in connection with the efforts of the Detroit Office to locate missing CP functionary. Through contact of informant with former Detroit Communists, it was established that [redacted] was not in contact with his former wife, [redacted].

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On June 23, 1953 [redacted] member of the Santa Clara County Committee of the CP, took from SF 1740-S a history of his CP activities together with his reasons for leaving the Communist Party and for wishing to rejoin it. Informant submitted this history in a written statement and stated he would see that "it gets to the right person." He questioned informant regarding his relations with [redacted] and asked him if he knew anything about the [redacted] having been interviewed by the FBI. He questioned informant regarding his employment on defense work at Westinghouse Sunnyvale Plant. Informant noted that [redacted] appeared satisfied with his answers and stated he would contact him in the near future. Informant has subsequently informed [redacted] that he is no longer working at Westinghouse in the restricted area of the plant having been taken off of the Navy contract work. He and [redacted] agreed that this was probably a result of his former CP activities or possibly a result of his having put out leaflets at the Westinghouse Plant. [redacted] indicated that he would forward the information that informant is no longer engaged in defense work to the appropriate person. [redacted] has since told him that the Party in Santa Clara County, since the arrest of the Communist leaders in the Sierras, has had no contact with "the State", meaning the state leaders of the CP, and that to date clearance has not been received for taking informant into the Party. He has told the informant that he must be considering making a substantial sustainer to the CP in view of his good financial situation, that he should read Political Affairs, and should be considering whether he wants his wife to participate. Informant believes that as soon as he is cleared through the state CP, he will be taken into the Party.

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In connection with [redacted] statement regarding lack of contact with the state, reliable information from [redacted] indicates positively that the Party at present has no contact with the state leadership underground and [redacted] has advised that [redacted] brought up the name of informant at a meeting of the Santa Clara County Committee.

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Informant has been useful in reporting on a meeting of July 1, 1953, addressed by STANLEY NOWAK, former Detroit State Senator ordered deported for CP activities, and has identified the CP members present at this meeting.

Similarly he has reported on a "Daily People's World" meeting at San Jose addressed by former "Daily Worker" Moscow correspondent, JOE CLARK. He was able to report on the attendance at this meeting and a conversation with CLARK, himself.

He has furnished useful information regarding LEONARD GRUMET and DONNA, his wife, having known them in Detroit, in 1937. The GRUMETS are SI Card Subjects in this office.

Regarding payment of this informant, payment was tendered to him in December for services performed during November and informant declined to accept payment, stating he had had no expenses during that particular month. He has been paid regularly on preceding months since authority was granted for payment indicating the expenses for contributions, travel, and purchases of literature having averaged about \$35 a month.

I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to make payments to the above informant up to \$35 per month for six months, effective January 1, 1954.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)

FROM : *WMA* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: *WMA* SF-1740-S CONF. INFT.

DATE: 5/19/54

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The Bureau, on 12/22/53, authorized payment of the above informant up to \$35 per month for 6 months, effective 1/1/54. Since submission of mylet, 12/11/53, requesting this authority, informant has become very active. Upon instructions from [] member of the County Committee of the Communist Party, Santa Clara County, SF-1740-S has joined the Palo Alto Peace Club. He has regularly attended meetings of this organization which has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450, and reported fully on the subject matter of the meetings and furnished the names of persons in attendance. He was recently designated by the Executive Committee of the Palo Alto Peace Club as an honorary member of the Executive Committee and sits in on its bi-weekly meetings. He has been able to furnish valuable information concerning the backstage deliberations of the Peace Club Executive Committee, most of whom are CP members.

Also, on instructions of [] informant attended a meeting, 3/17/54, at which the IPP in Santa Clara County, was organized. The meeting was held at [] and under the control of CP member, [], from San Francisco, and [] IPP organization was set up. Informant was able to furnish this almost synonymously with the forming of the organization, the names of the Board of County Committee of the organization together with its detailed plan of action. He was able to advise that in this county, IPP candidates are to be used to threaten Democratic candidates into inserting anti-witchhunt and anti-McCarthyism program plank in their platforms. He advised that through the threat of running an IPP candidate against the Democratic candidate, the Party will put over these portions together with anti-red-baiting portions of its program. It was a detailed plan and of considerable interest to this office and is probably the plan of the State-Wide IPP since [] heads the organization in this area. As a result of his participation, informant has been designated a member of the Santa Clara County Committee of the IPP. It is a very active job, and he has spent a good deal of time with it and has been put to considerable expense. Since the date of my last report, he has submitted regular reports on the activities of these organizations. He has continued

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his contacts with [] who indicates that informant's application for re-admission to the CP is under active consideration. Informant is very confident that [] intends taking him back into the CP. It has been confirmed through [] member of the Santa Clara County Committee of the CP, that the informant is being considered for re-admission.

In view of the extremely useful information being furnished by this informant, and the increased expenses to him in attempting to obtain this information, it is felt he should be reimbursed in the amount of \$50 per month.

It is, therefore, recommended that authority be granted to make payments to the above informant up to \$50 per month for 6 months, effective 6/1/54. *on strict C O D basis.*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)

DATE: November 9, 1954

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.
SF 1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/28/90 BY SP1AM/af

Re authority granted May 26, 1954, to pay this informant up to \$50 per month for six months effective June 1, 1954, on a strict COD basis.

Since this authority was granted informant has continued to be contacted by [redacted] Security Index card subject and member of the Santa Clara County Executive Committee of the CP.

Shortly after the submission of my letter requesting authority to continue payments to this informant, CS SF 2082-S made available certain information in the possession of the CP. Contained in this information under date of June 28, 1953, was a "Summary of Political Activity." A review of this summary indicates it is identical with the written statement informant had previously submitted in June of 1953 to [redacted] in connection with his request for readmission into the CP. It recited informant's CP history and was consistent with information contained in the investigative file pertaining to him. There is no question but that it pertains to this informant.

It was noted that a portion of this summary, which was given to the informant in questionnaire form, pertained to his association with the FBI. He answered the Party's inquiry by his admission that he was interviewed while in New Mexico by the FBI and he indicated that he told the FBI Agents nothing and thereafter lost "five consecutive jobs whereupon I left the state. They have not bothered me since then."

Informant has advised previously that he admitted in this statement to the Party that he had been interviewed by the FBI since he felt that it was logical that the FBI would not have contacted him in view of his apparent inactivity in New Mexico and his employment there during the war years by the Government.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI
From: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
Re: SF 1740-S

Also in this connection [] has confirmed that SF 1740-S is being seriously considered for readmission into the CP. [] advised that at a County Committee meeting with OLETA YATES of the State Committee, held October 27, 1954, informant's name was again brought up by [], and OLETA indicated that she was still awaiting word from Detroit where informant had previously been active in the CP.

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SF 1740-S assures this office that he will be given a clean bill of health by the CP in Detroit since he was at that time a fanatic Communist. It appears, therefore, that only the cumbersome nature of the CP's communicative and administrative system is holding up his return to the CP. He has noted that [] "treats him like a CP member," giving him orders and disciplining him and demanding contributions and sustainers.

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Informant has been instructed to participate in meetings of a group of trade unionists who meet once a month in Santa Clara County. Information from [], who participated in the beginning of this organization, indicates that it was Communist conceived and is under Communist control, and is conducted with all of the secrecy and discipline of a CP club.

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In addition, SF 1740-S has met with the Executive Board of the Palo Alto Peace Club, an organization cited by the Attorney General, and has reported on the deliberations of this club. He also attends and reports on the open meetings of the Palo Alto Peace Club.

He continues to be active in the IPP in Santa Clara County and has reported on the activities of that group.

Informant was recently able to report on the re-organization of the Palo Alto Peace Club and to furnish data regarding its new constitution and officers. He was able to advise that the organization is now set up for security reasons in the form of a three member Executive Board and with no listed membership. He stated this was done for security reasons in contemplation of the Peace Club's being called before a hearing board and to prevent disclosure of the membership.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI
From: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
Re: SF 1740-S

It is considered that the information furnished by this informant warrants his continued payment of the same rate. I therefore recommend that authority be granted to continue payments up to \$50 per month for three months on a COD basis for services and expenses actually incurred effective November 1, 1954.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-381800)

DATE: February 11, 1955

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

CONF. INFT.

SUBJECT: SF 1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2ALM/dj

Remylet, dated November 9, 1954, in which the Bureau authorized payment to this informant up to \$50 per month for three months effective December 1, 1954.

Since that time, informant has continued to attend the regular meetings of the Palo Alto Peace Club, and he is submitting good written reports on the activities of that group. He is also a member of the Executive Board of Palo Alto Peace Club and is able to report on the policy-making and security activities of this club. The Executive Board is a select group made up for the most part of Communist Party members, and through his contacts with these people he picks up very useful collateral information.

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[redacted] who is handling informant's reapplication for Party membership, has instructed informant to work in the Palo Alto Peace Club and also to work in the Independent Progressive Party. Informant has continued as a member of the Executive Committee of the Independent Progressive Party up until February 4, 1955. On the latter date, he attended a meeting of this IPP Executive Committee, at which only three members of the committee appeared and at which a decision was reached to abandon the IPP. He stated that this group was to continue only as a fund-raising organization to assist in financing the publication of the "National Guardian." Informant advised that on January 26, 1955, [redacted] called at his home and spoke encouragingly of the chances of informant's readmission to the Communist Party and urged him to activate his wife. Informant stated to [redacted] that his wife is left wing, and she will be willing to become active. This matter has been discussed with both informant and his wife and she states that she is willing to follow informant's lead and will attend any meetings or functions on instructions of [redacted]

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In this connection, [redacted] recently reported that there have been several discussions of this informant at meetings of the Santa Clara County Executive Committee. It has been noted by the Communists that he has lost his job at Westinghouse, and they presume that this was as a result of a security check. They note he is working as a carpenter in San Mateo County and feel they may be able to use him in the right wing Carpenters Union in San Mateo County. [redacted] has stated that the Party is still somewhat

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TO : Director, FBI (100-381800)
FROM : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)
SUBJECT: SF 1740-S

suspicious of informant, and the County Committee has forwarded his characterization through State Headquarters of the Communist Party to Detroit, requesting a report on him from the Communist Party in Detroit.

[] has recently advised that ~~ISAAC FOLKOFF~~, an old-time Communist who is mentioned by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as a former Comintern man, has recently commented that he is impressed with SF 1740-S, and thinks he is a good man and likes his "revolutionary background." FOLKOFF has expressed the hope that he will see more of SF 1740-S.

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It appears from information this office has received from other informants and from the conversations SF 1740-S has reported in connection with [] that informant has the general endorsement of leading people in Santa Clara County and if he receives clearance from Detroit, he should be taken back into the Communist Party.

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Informant has been questioned regarding his activities in Detroit, and he has stated that he believes any recommendation coming out of Detroit should be very favorable to his return to the Party, inasmuch as he had the reputation there of being a very militant Communist and was several times arrested in connection with riots in strike activities. He feels that as [] opens up more with him, the Party is getting more interested in him and more confident that he is a sincere Communist. He notes that persons he has recognized as leading forces in the Communist Party movement are now speaking to him with more respect and consideration.

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It should be noted that much of the data informant has furnished has been confirmed by information from other sources and by surveillance. I consider that the information furnished by this informant together with the progress he has made in his efforts to rejoin the Communist Party warrant his continued payment at the same rate. I therefore recommend that authority be granted to continue payments up to \$50 per month for three months on a C.O.D. basis for services and expenses actually incurred effective March 1, 1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800) REG. DATE: 2/17/55

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: SF 1740-SCONF. INFO.

Re SAC Letter 55-13 (B).

This informant is an ex-Communist who is attempting to rejoin the CP. He is contacted three to four times a month and discussion is had with him concerning his personal life.

Agent has talked with his wife on a number of occasions. He is happily married and his personal habits are excellent. He is believed to be a stable person and no traits of character have been noted which would appear to portend embarrassment to the Bureau or give reason to doubt his loyalty.

I recommend that he continue to be contacted as a security informant and his activities will continue to be observed closely by Agent handling him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)
SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.
SF 1740-S

DATE: May 2, 1955

Remylet dated February 11, 1955, on which the Bureau authorized continuing payment to this informant at the rate of \$50.00 per month for three months effective March 1, 1955.

Since that authority was granted, informant has been taken into the Communist Party. He has been assigned to the Trade Union Club, which is one of the six clubs known as the "Palo Alto Clubs" of the Communist Party.

Informant was advised that he should continue his mass work on the executive board of the Palo Alto Peace Club, which is a cited organization, and further should take an active membership in the Carpenters Union, San Mateo County. He had allowed his membership in this union to lapse and to rejoin, he has been told, will cost him \$50.00. He has no excuse other than the Communist Party assignment for carrying a card in the Carpenters Union, since he is now working as a contractor for himself. He stated, however, that [redacted], member of the Santa Clara County Executive Committee of the Communist Party, who recruited him and who advised him that he had been taken back into the Party, told him it was the decision of the County Committee that this should be his mass organizational work.

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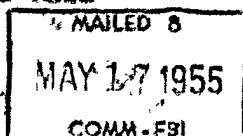
He stated that [redacted] explained to him that the Party is vitally interested in penetrating the right wing labor unions and particularly the building trades, in which they have had little success. The fact that informant has been taken back into the Communist Party and assigned to the above club was confirmed by [redacted]

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This confirmation was furnished by [redacted] on April 6, 1955, in a written report.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)
FROM: SAC, SF (134-7)
RE: SF 1740-S

This Office has not previously had coverage in this trade union club and it is felt that informant will obtain and furnish valuable information. He has been a valuable informant in the past because of his position on the Executive Board of the Palo Alto Peace Club and he has furnished good written reports of the deliberations of this body. He also regularly attends the monthly meetings of the Palo Alto Peace Club and furnishes written reports on same.

Informant has a good income and the Party is aware of this, and his contributions have necessarily had to be rather substantial. He feels that this new activity will be increasingly expensive. It should be stated that in the past when payment was tendered the informant, on several occasions he declined to accept it, stating that he had had no expense during that month. He appears to have been scrupulous in money matters. He stated when advised of his readmission to the Communist Party that he felt he now had an opportunity to progress as a security informant and furnish really valuable information.

As you know, he was a member of the YCL and the Communist Party during the 1930's and has a history of militant Communist and labor union activity. He is Jewish. His physical appearance is of a type associated with the physical appearance of many Communist Party members. He is able to speak the Communist Party jargon and discusses Marxism and dialectics confidently and with every appearance of knowledge of same.

The above is noted particularly at this point because it appears to render informant plausible to the Communist Party. He feels and it is the feeling of this Office that he will progress in the Communist Party because he is naturally aggressive by nature and appears to have no self-consciousness or other traits which might alert the Communist Party as to his informant status.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)
FROM: SAC, SF (134-7)
RE: SF 1740-S

According to [redacted], the matter of his readmission was discussed at some length. The Party obtained clearance from Detroit where he formerly belonged to the Communist Party, the State Committee of the Communist Party of California deliberated over the readmission and referred the matter back to Santa Clara County. They further considered the matter and went so far as to check with several long time Communist Party members in the county, among them ISAAC (POF) FOIKOFF. [redacted] noted that FOIKOFF was particularly impressed with informant's trade union background.

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Informant stated he is willing to advance himself in the Communist Party as far and as rapidly as the Bureau wishes him to go. He stated he would be willing to undertake full time work for the Communist Party if he is given an opportunity. He stated he is not particularly desirous of making money but does want to be compensated for his expenditures. He was asked if \$75.00 per month would compensate him for same and he stated he believes that a amount should be sufficient.

He stated that the following be considered in determining the amount of payment to him. As a private contractor he does much of his work at night, planning negotiations, bidding, and preparing for his next day's work. The Party is demanding and he has been called out on short notice weekends and nights on various assignments connected with his work as informant. He feels that his earning power is thereby diminished. I feel that this is true and that he should be compensated for this loss of time.

The matters related in my letter of February 17, 1955, concerning the stability and personal habits and character of this informant remain unchanged. He gives no evidence of instability and apparently has no traits of character which might embarrass the Bureau or give us reason to doubt his sincerity.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)
FROM: SAC, SF (134-7)
RE: SF 1740-S

The informant is contacted frequently and Agent is familiar with his personal life and acquainted with the informant's wife. There appears to be nothing in his personal life which might cause embarrassment to this Bureau.

I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to make payments to the above informant up to \$75.00 per month on a c.o.d. basis for three months and expenses actually incurred effective May 15, 1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-381800)

DATE: 7-27-55

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONF. INFO.
SF 1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2/AMK/ly

Remylet, 5-2-55, on which the Bureau, as of 5-18-55, authorized payment to this informant at the rate of \$75 per month on a COD basis for three months effective 5-15-55.

Since this authority was granted, informant has been paid regularly. He has been assigned to the Trade Union Club of the Communist Party, Santa Clara County. He has met with that Club and furnished excellent written reports on its activities.

On instructions of the CP, he has continued working on the Executive Board of the Palo Alto Peace Club, an organization cited by the Attorney General. The Executive Board of the PAPC includes CP members [redacted] and [redacted]. These persons, along with several Party line followers, actually run the PAPC. His membership in this group has given us excellent coverage of the PAPC which appears to be the principal effort of the CP in this area. He has obtained extremely useful information through his importance in the PAPC in that he is consulted by such individuals as [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted]. The latter individuals are Communists active in other CP clubs, and they discuss CP business with informant.

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Through his activities in the Trade Union Club, he is reporting on a field of activity which has not hitherto been covered in this area. He has taken steps to reactivate his membership in the Carpenters Union of San Mateo County on instructions of the CP. It would appear that through his CP connections and his activity in San Mateo County in a labor union, he will be brought into contact with whatever CP influence there is in that union in San Mateo County.

In addition to this activity, informant has become active in the Santa Clara County "Sidney Roger Committee." SIDNEY ROGER is disclosed to be (In San Francisco Files) a secret CP member. He has a radio program sponsored by the CIO. His program is now supported largely by the CP in California, and his radio talk is largely CP line. Support for ROGER is solicited at nearly all CP and CP front functions in this area. Through informant's participation in the Sidney Roger Committee, he has disclosed to this Office the present activity of a security subject, [redacted] was formerly a member of the Professional Section of the CP in Berkeley, Calif., and was recently removed from the SI since no activity on his part had been reported for a period of about five years. It is felt that informant's coverage of the activity of [redacted] may well result in evidence warranting his inclusion in the SI. *61-9152-43*

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Letter to Bureau (100-380800) from SAC, SF (134-7)
RE: SF 1740-S
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Informant stated he is still willing to advance himself in the CP as far and as rapidly as the Bureau wishes him to go. He was cautioned to make no obvious efforts to advance himself in the CP and to participate in no activity which would appear inconsistent. He stated that he will make himself available to the Party and will become a good Party worker and seek to advance to a position of responsibility in that way rather than by making an obvious effort.

Informant has been closely observed during agent's contact with him, and he continues to appear to be a stable person of good personal habits and character. There appears to be nothing in his makeup which might in the future embarrass the Bureau or give the Bureau reason to doubt his sincerity. Informant is contacted frequently, and his personal life is well known to the agent handling him.

I therefore recommend that authority be granted to continue payment to the above informant up to \$75 per month on a COD basis for services and expenses actually incurred for a period of three months effective 8-15-55.

cc - Mr.

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SAC, San Francisco [redacted]

September 16, 1955

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Reurlet dated August 29, 1955.

Authority granted to continue contacts with the captioned individual [redacted]

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[redacted] in order to avoid embarrassment to the Bureau and to avoid compromising SF 1740-S.

It is noted that you have advised her she is not to consider herself a Bureau employee and she must maintain her relationship with your office in strict confidence.

[redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Captioned individual [redacted] background is in file: no apparent weakness noted other than [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 29, 1955

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [redacted] b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D

PSI [redacted] b7D

[redacted] SF 1740-S, long time Communist Party member and present security informant of the San Francisco Office. She was recently approached by Security Index subject [redacted] to become active in the Los Altos - Mountain View Council for Civic Unity, an organization, the local branch of which is controlled by [redacted]. While SF 1740-S was being re-recruited into the Communist Party [redacted] member of the Communist Party, Santa Clara County Executive Committee, asked informant if [redacted] "go along," and SF 1740-S advised [redacted] she would. He thereafter discussed this matter with the Agent who is handling him and the matter was discussed with [redacted] at some length. She stated she would encourage the Communist Party to further SF 1740-S's work as a Security Informant. She stated she believed she could present a convincing appearance to the Communist Party. During this time [redacted] saw her a good deal and obviously was satisfied with her attitude because thereafter SF 1740-S was re-recruited into the Communist Party.

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[redacted] During 1954 and early 1955 she was somewhat apprehensive of her ability to carry the matter off but stated that she wanted [redacted] to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This was entirely voluntary on her part and she was told at that time that any attempts by her to interest the Communist Party in her must be voluntary on her part. She was told that if it came to the point where SF 1740-S depended on her cooperation with the Communist Party for his re-admittance and if at that time she did not want to encourage the Communist Party she should make her decision in favor of not going along. She was told that unless her cooperation was entirely voluntary she should turn down the Communist Party's requests for cooperation. She considered the matter and stated that she would take no affirmative steps but would encourage the Party if she was approached. The matter was left there and not discussed further with her until recently.

On July 7, 1955 SF 1740-S stated [redacted] had been approached by [redacted] during the previous week regarding the Los Altos - Mountain View Council for Civil Unity and he stated she had encouraged [redacted]. He stated [redacted]

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1 - ALBUQUERQUE (REG)

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DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, SF [redacted]
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he would counsel her and it was again pointed out to SF 1740-S that her cooperation must be voluntary. He stated she is anxious to help and that both he and she are convinced she can be of service.

It is noted [redacted] and her appearance is that generally described as [redacted] and her physical appearance conforms generally to that considered a "Communist type." [redacted] SF 1740-S

[redacted] He stated she is very discreet and he has observed her conduct in the presence of Communists and approved it. He feels she can present a plausible front to the Communist Party. He has, however, noted over the period of years of his redevelopment as a Security Informant that [redacted]

[redacted] SF 1740-S [redacted]

[redacted] She has been well known to the Agent handling SF 1740-S for several years and [redacted]

[redacted] there appears no trait which should jeopardize her relationship with the Bureau or embarrass the Bureau. Both the Potential Security Informant and the informant assure this office that [redacted]

[redacted] She appears to be a stable person and has approached this matter with good judgment and discretion. [redacted] was being developed she was frequently impressed with the necessity for maintaining their relationship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in strict confidence. If authority is granted to develop her as a Security Informant the need for this confidential relationship will continue to be impressed upon her and her promise obtained regarding any future publication in any manner of her relationship with the Bureau.

SF 1740-S assures this office of her patriotism, reliability, good character and habits. [redacted] who personally handled the Communist Party registration in the Palo Alto - Los Altos area in 1955, states [redacted] is unknown to [redacted] in any connection. [redacted] is well acquainted with SF 1740-S.

[redacted] and [redacted], both of whom were until July 1955 Communist Party members residing in Los Altos are well acquainted with SF 1740-S but stated they have never heard of [redacted] in any Communist Party connection.

[redacted] a former Communist Party member active in the Palo Alto - Los Altos area and at present in Communist Party fronts, is not acquainted with either informant or PSI.

DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, SF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a Communist Party member active in the Palo Alto area until 1955, knows SF 1740-S but has no knowledge of [REDACTED]

It seems assured that [REDACTED] has not been active in the Communist Party or related affairs in this area. The San Francisco Indices are negative as to her except for non-derogatory references [REDACTED] SF 1740-S. Palo Alto Police Department records are negative. Records of the Palo Alto Credit Bureau, which covers the Los Altos area, contain no derogatory information concerning her. Records of California State Bureau of Identification at Sacramento are being checked concerning her.

In view of Potential Security Informant's former residence in the territories covered by the Detroit and Albuquerque Offices a check is being requested of the indices of those offices.

There follows the personal history of the Potential Security Informant as furnished by her and confirmed by SF 1740-S, by credit records and [REDACTED] SF 1740-S.

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SAC, SF [REDACTED]
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In view of the fact that active investigation of SF 1740-S has been conducted of him and of PSI over a period of many years, both concerning him as a security subject and as a security informant, it is not felt that further investigation of PSI is necessary.

Detroit and Albuquerque Offices are requested to check their indices concerning PSI and furnish any information contained therein to San Francisco.

Authority is requested to develop [REDACTED] as a Security Informant provided investigation at Sacramento, California and by the Detroit and Albuquerque Offices do not develop information which would render this inadvisable.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)

DATE: August 27, 1955

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL
SF 1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2LUM/ely

Attention FBI Identification Division

It is requested that a Security Flash be placed in the files of the Identification Division against the record of KARL PRUSSIAN, Michigan State Bureau No. 93128. PRUSSIAN has the following aliases: Sam Goldstein, Ben Gaskin, Tom G. G. G., Rudolph Weiss, Kalman Prussian. His fingerprint classification is as follows: (20) 13 U O 17
17 A OO 19

The following is PRUSSIAN's physical description:

Age:		Complexion:	Swarthy
Date of Birth:	1/31/10	Race:	White
Place of Birth:	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Sex:	Male
Height:	5'8"	Nationality:	American
Weight:	150	Occupation:	Metallurgist, Builder
Build:	Medium	Marital Status:	Married
Eyes:	Brown	Residence:	500 Hawthorne, Los Altos, California
Hair:	Black		

In the event any information is received concerning this individual, please notify San Francisco.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 30, 1955

FROM : SAC, Detroit [redacted] b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Re: San Francisco letter to the Director, dated August 29, 1955.

The following information located in a search of the Detroit Indices is set out below inasmuch as it is believed probable that the information pertains to [redacted]

On July 11, 1940, SA [redacted] advised in a "Memorandum for the Special Agent in Charge" that "on July 7, 1940, [redacted], Detroit, Michigan, called at this Office and advised the writer that he is employed on the WPA project at the Institute of Arts, Detroit."

"He stated that there are many Communists employed on this project and furnished the writer with a list of their names....." Among this list of names was the name [redacted]

According to SA [redacted], [redacted] "further advised the writer that these Communists are very outspoken in their sympathies and that one, [redacted], a foreman, is holding up a job which consists of drawings of section views of battleships."

"He stated that he would be very willing to testify to this fact and that should any more information come to him, he would forward it to this Office. He stated that he had no more information pertaining to these people other than the fact that they were admittedly Communists."

This information is located in Detroit File 65-86-450.

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cc: 2 - San Francisco [redacted] (Enclosure)

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Letter to DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: [REDACTED]

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On September 3, 1940, SA RICHARD G. FLETCHER advised in a "memorandum for Special Agent in Charge JOHN S. BUGAS" that on August 1, 1940, [REDACTED] called to the Detroit Field Division and furnished information that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This information is located in Detroit File 66-2211-3, page 6.

(Protect) [REDACTED], former [REDACTED], who is also formerly [REDACTED] advised by report dated January 14, 1944, that the name [REDACTED] appeared in a list of names and addresses "kept in the file of the Communist Party in Detroit." [REDACTED] was subsequently advised that this list was a mailing list used for the purpose of mailing literature.

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Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau and San Francisco, is a photostatic copy of a photostatic copy of information which appeared in the subversive files of the Detroit Police Department and which was obtained by SA [REDACTED].

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is active in the communist party with Karl Prussian, who
was arrested the first part of Feb. 1938 [redacted]



The above is a photographic copy of information which appears in the
subversive files of the Detroit Police Department. This information
was compiled over a period of years by Detective Sergeant [redacted]
and Detective Lieutenant [redacted]. Although it is not itself
admissible in evidence, it may be the basis of investigation to verify
it. It is probable that Sergeant [redacted] or Lieutenant [redacted] will be
able to provide the original source of the information when a need
arises for it to be used as evidence.

This information is confidential, and its source should be designated
in reports by a temporary confidential informant symbol.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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[Signature]

Submitted by

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 10/7/55

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)
FROM : *WAC* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)
SUBJECT: SF 1740-S
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The above informant is using the code name ELWOOD *rk 3-1*
HORNER in signing written reports to this office. This code *rk 5-1*
name has been noted in San Francisco files. *Mr. Willow*
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIR , (61-9152)

DATE: 10-31-55

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [REDACTED] b7D

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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This is to advise that the above PSI is using the code name [REDACTED] in submitting written reports.

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This name has been indexed in the San Francisco files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/1/55 NOV

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FROM : SAC, EL PASO [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7D

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San Francisco - OO

Re San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated 8/29/55, copy of which was forwarded the Albuquerque Office to check their indices for any information concerning this PSI.

Inasmuch as the El Paso Office formerly covered the territory now handled by the Albuquerque Office, this letter was forwarded to the El Paso Office requesting that San Francisco be furnished with any information in the El Paso files concerning this PSI.

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The El Paso Office files reflect considerable information concerning [REDACTED] in the file captioned "KARL PRUSSIAN, was.; SECURITY MATTER - C; Bufile 61-9152; El Paso file 100-1060; SF file 100-6328.

In view of the fact that this individual is presently in the San Francisco Office territory [REDACTED] and it appears that much of the information contained in the KARL PRUSSIAN file relates to [REDACTED] activities, and that information concerning Dr. EDGAR C. LEE of Espanola, New Mexico, Bufile 100-256908 is also contained in this file, pertinent serials not in possession of the San Francisco Office are being forwarded herewith for the completion of their records.

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DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2ALM/aj

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2 cc: San Francisco [REDACTED] (RM)(Encis. 36) b7D

1 cc: Albuquerque (100-0)(RM)

1 cc: EP 100-1060 (KARL PRUSSIAN)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Section

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☐ Service Unit - Room 6524
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Room _____

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☐ Exact Name Only
☐ Exact Spelling
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DATE 4/22/02 BY SP1AM/ky

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: October 14, 1955

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [REDACTED] b7D

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.

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O.O. San Francisco

ATTENTION: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

PSI [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] KARL PRUSSIAN. Records of Criminal Identification Investigation (CII), Sacramento, California, reflect a fingerprint card was received there from the Police Department at Carmel, California, dated April 29, 1946. It reflected that [REDACTED] (Hand-written probably [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] on the FP card as born [REDACTED] and the following fingerprint classification was given.

The above is the correct birth date and place of the PSI and this was her fingerprint. CII files do not reflect whether a fingerprint was submitted at that time by the Carmel, California, Police Department to FBI Identification Division. It is requested that a search of FBI Identification records be made using the above data and then the record developed furnished to San Francisco. It is also requested a Flash Notice be placed in favor of San Francisco if a fingerprint record is found.

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cc-Fitzgerald

SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

November 25, 1955

Director, FBI (61-9152)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SF 1740-S

Reurlet November 9, 1955, recommending that payments to this informant be continued at the increased rate of \$125 monthly, the former rate having been \$75 monthly.

On the basis of your personal recommendation you are authorized to pay the informant at the increased rate, that is up to \$125 monthly on a C.O.D. basis for a three-month period effective November 15, 1955. Payments made under this authority should be carefully scrutinized to make certain they are fully justified.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authority you should submit a summary of information furnished by the informant during the period. Included in this summary should be information as to the number of meetings attended on behalf of your office and the number of written reports submitted. You should also make your recommendation regarding continuing the above arrangement.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Informant was subject of Bureau investigation 1940-1944; was active in Communist Party (CP) and Young Communist League approximately 1933-1938; became CP Section Organizer in Detroit; and dropped out of CP for personal reasons about 1938 while being considered for Lenin School, Moscow. He contacted San Francisco Office in 1947 and 1949 offering assistance. Use as a non-paid informant began 1949. He made earnest efforts and succeeded in re-entering the CP early this year. Although he furnished valuable information from the outset, regular payments did not begin until January, 1953. On several occasions informant declined payments when he incurred no expenses during the month. He has progressed in excellent fashion toward Party positions of responsibility and is spending more and more time on behalf of the Bureau, he estimates 8 to 10 evenings and three Saturdays or Sundays a month. The confidence in him is evidenced by his attendance at a very confidential executive board meeting on 10/28/55 where he was informed of latest directives of CP, USA, on concentration and dissemination of CP in strategic industries in the US.

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Letter to SAC, San Francisco

The numbers of Party members in various essential plants were discussed as well as plans for penetrating key industries. [REDACTED]

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PSI. Informant is a building contractor engaged in large projects as indicated by his recent receipt of a \$2,000,000 personal bank loan. He has stated it has become necessary to hire additional clerical help to do work he would be doing if he was not working on behalf of the Bureau. Due to his good financial position the Party expects substantial contributions from him. Increase appears justified.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-361800)

DATE: 11-9-55

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONF. INET
SF 1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2AM/jlj

Remylet, 7-27-55, on which the Bureau, as of 8-9-55, authorized payment to this informant at the rate of \$75.00 per month on a COD basis for three months effective 8-15-55.

Since this authority has been granted, the informant has been paid at this rate monthly. He is a member of the Trade Union Club of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County and furnishes written accounts of the activities of this CP club.

On instructions of the CP, he has continued his membership on the Executive Board of the Palo Alto Peace Club, an organization cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. On the Executive Board of the Peace Club, he meets with CP members [redacted] and [redacted]. This Executive Board runs the Palo Alto Peace Club, and informant reports on the Communist manipulation of this front organization. To date, the Palo Alto Peace Club has been the principal function of the CP in Northern Santa Clara County.

On 10-28-55, the informant was taken under elaborate security precautions to a meeting at the home of [redacted] Secretary of the CP of Santa Clara County. This meeting consisted of the Executive Board of the CP, Santa Clara County, together with informant and the Trade Union Commission of the CP, together with OLETA YATES and [redacted] of the State Leadership of the CP. This meeting was held to bring to the attention of the CP in Santa Clara County the latest directives of the CP, USA, concerning concentration. There ensued a very frank discussion of the distribution of the CP in this county as it related to strategic industry. In this closed group, the numbers of CP members in electronics plants, Westinghouse Corp., the GE Plant, and the Ford Assembly Plant, were disclosed. In addition, the Party's plans for penetrating these key industries were disclosed.

In this connection, [redacted] has advised recently that SF 1740-S is being considered, along with [redacted] for membership on the County Executive Committee of the CP in view of the resignation of a member of this Committee from the Palo Alto area. [redacted] stated he is favorably regarded by the CP because of his working class background and the fact that he is a member of a minority race. It appears that

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Letter to Bureau (100-381800)
FROM SAC, SF (134-7)
RE: SF 1740-S

SF 1740-S is highly regarded by the CP leadership as evidenced by the above. He has made real progress as an informant when it is considered that he was only re-admitted to the CP during the past year.

As an indication of the time-consuming nature of the informant's activity, the following should be noted: He has reported on the regular membership meetings of his CP club. Meetings of the Executive Board of the Palo Alto Peace Club are held three times a month. He reports on this as well as the one monthly regular Palo Alto Peace Club meeting. He is called for special projects, such as the situation on 9-18-55 when he was instructed by [redacted] member of the Executive Board of the CP, Santa Clara County, to report to [redacted] another member of the County Committee in San Jose. There, they distributed 1000 leaflets advertising a speech by [redacted] Denver Smith Act subject. This consumed a Sunday afternoon. Thereafter, the [redacted] meeting was held in San Jose on another Sunday afternoon in October 1955, and informant attended.

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On November 5, 1955, the informant was called upon to attend a special meeting in San Francisco, and he has advised of his attendance at this meeting but has not yet furnished a report on same. This was on a Saturday afternoon.

In addition, the informant has been called upon for special projects, such as "Daily People's World" benefits and special fund-raising functions of the CP. He estimates that his duties as informant occupy eight to ten evenings per month and on the average three Saturdays or Sundays per month. He has proved, as indicated above, to be a highly effective informant, furnishing a volume of accurate information in the form of written reports.

The time informant spends on his chores as informant is lost to him insofar as his making a living is concerned. Informant is now engaged in building a housing tract, under the trade name of Lorelei Homes in Atherton, California, the magnitude of which can be judged by the fact that informant obtained a personal loan of \$2,000,000 from the Bank of America of Mountain View, California. He stated that every penny he has is tied up in the venture. He stated that in order to have performed the routine clerical functions connected with building this tract, he has had to hire a girl part time at a salary averaging about \$20 per week. He stated she is doing routine work which he could do himself nights and week ends, and further he believes he would not have had to hire this girl if he were not serving the FBI informant.

Letter to Bureau (100-381800)
From SAC, SF (134-7)
RE: SF 1740-S

In view of the progress this informant is making and of his effectiveness and since it is clear that his work as an informant is depriving him of part of the profits of the business venture in which he is engaged, I believe the amount of reimbursement to him should be increased. As I have indicated in previous letters, this informant is aggressive and confident, and he believes he can progress rapidly in the CP.

Recent indications are that the CP is pushing the informant into positions of responsibility. He advises that he is willing to accept advancement in the CP as rapidly as the Party will advance him but points out that in his accepting responsibility and leadership in the Party, he will be able to spend less of his time making a living. He stated he will expect to be compensated as he spends more and more time on his work as an informant. He asked that this statement not be interpreted to mean that he wants to "make a lot of money as an informant." He stated that he wants only to be compensated for the time he loses from his regular occupation. He stated that he would serve as an informant for nothing if he were working for wages at a job with regular hours. He asked that it be conveyed to the Bureau's attention that the nature of his present occupation requires consultation and work at nights and on week ends. It does not appear to the agent who contacts this informant that he is placing undue importance on the sums paid him, and in the past he has been scrupulous regarding money matters. Before he was taken back into the Party, he several times refused to accept payment, stating he had had no expenses during that month. He was at that time working for wages at regular hours.

Informant has been closely observed during the frequent contacts with him, and he continues to be a stable person with a good mind, good personal habits and character. No trait has been noted which might in the future be expected to embarrass the Bureau or cause the Bureau to doubt his sincerity. Informant is contacted frequently and his wife is presently a PSI, also contacted regularly, and he has confided many details of his personal life to the agent handling him.

Every opportunity has been taken to indoctrinate the informant against disclosing his relationship with the Bureau through any media. I therefore recommend that authority be granted to increase payment to the above informant up to \$125.00 per month on a COD basis for a period of three months effective 11-15-55.

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TO : Director, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: January 5, 1956

FROM : SAC, San Francisco [redacted] b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted], aka
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Re Form O-1 dated 12/23/55.

As your were previously advised [redacted] SF-1740-S, a member of the CP. The CP in Santa Clara County has indicated interest in her probably on that account only. Since the previous San Francisco letter PSI has attended and reported on one meeting of the Los Altos-Mountain View Council for Civic Unity, which is an organization not known to be Communist controlled but one in which SI subjects [redacted] and WALTER HARJU are influential. [redacted] is responsible for PSI's being invited to join this group.

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PSI on 1/2/56 advised the agent handling her she has another written report which will be obtained 1/3/56. To date PSI has been paid \$25.00 on authority of the SAC for information furnished above. It is believed [redacted] will further encourage PSI to become active in CP fronts and at present she is making no effort to take the initiative in the matter, it being the opinion of this office that she will appear more plausible to the CP following this course since she is a definite negative personality.

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The Bureau will be advised of her progress. She is contacted twice a month and in these contacts it is observed that her character and habits are excellent and she exhibits no traits which might possibly embarrass the Bureau. She is each time impressed with the necessity for maintaining her relationship with the FBI in strictest confidence and every precaution is taken to insure that she does not publicize this relationship.

At present it is contemplated that she will be paid on a C.O.D. basis on authority of the SAC and if her development warrants it in the future authority for regular payment to her will be requested.

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TO : Director, FBI (61-9152)

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.
SF 1740-S

DATE: 1-19-56

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ReBulet, dated November 25, 1955, which authorized payment of this informant at the rate of \$125.00 per month on a COD basis for three months effective November 15, 1955.

Since this authority was granted, the informant has attended seven meetings and submitted seven written reports to date. The informant furnished information which is summarized as follows:

He has identified the membership of a committee set up in Santa Clara County, California, to raise funds for MORTON SOBELL, convicted Soviet agent, and for SIDNEY ROGER. In this connection, one of the members of this committee is [] a former Security Index subject and former Communist Party member who has been removed from the Security Index because he was residing in an area where this office did not have coverage. It appears that the informant's coverage of the activities of [] will result in the re-opening of his case file and his being included in the Security Index.

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The informant, in addition, has attended a meeting of the leadership of the Communist Party, Santa Clara County, which includes the county committee and a few representatives from the individual Communist Party clubs throughout the county. Also present at this meeting was OLETA YATES, convicted Smith Act subject and present chairman of the San Francisco County Communist Party. Also present was [] organizational secretary, San Francisco County Communist Party.

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Informant was able to report from this meeting the current Communist Party line as laid down by the San Francisco County officers and the concentration of the Santa Clara County Communist Party based on instructions from these leaders.

The informant was also present at a meeting of the Santa Clara County Communists for the SIDNEY ROGER Radio Fund addressed by WILLIAM RUEBIN, New York subject and author of the book "Atomic Spy Hoax."

The informant, in addition, has continued his participation in the meetings of his Communist Party club and was re-registered in

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FROM: SAC, SF (134-7)
RE: SF 1740-S

the Communist Party on November 21, 1955, for 1956. The informant's value to this office has been increased further to the extent that the size of his Communist Party club has been increased to ten members. In his attendance at his club meeting on December 27, 1955, he was able to identify ten Communist Party members.

In addition, the informant has reported on a December 29, 1955, meeting for the benefit of the California Labor School. This meeting was held at the home of HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of the California Labor School, and the plans for the defense of the School in its current hearing before the SACB were discussed.

As I have indicated in previous letters, the informant continues his membership on the Executive Board of the Palo Alto Peace Club, an organization designated by the Attorney General pursuant to EO 10450. The Executive Board of the Peace Club did not meet during December 1955, but normally meets two to three times a month.

In addition to his attendance at the above meetings, the informant has been forced, through circumstances of his association in the Communist Party, to employ in his shop, Security Index card subjects, [] and []. He is in constant close association with these individuals and has obtained useful information concerning them. He was, for instance, able to furnish a change of address for [] after it was found that public sources failed to indicate this change. He recently was able to identify and characterize the new bride of [] whom he married in December 1955.

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As I have previously indicated, the informant is very enthusiastic; he is extremely confident and believes he will be advanced in the Communist Party, and states that he will accept responsibilities and positions of leadership in the Party if offered. Indications from other informants in the area are that he is trusted by the Party and highly regarded by individual members, and it appears that his confidence that he will be advanced is based on fact.

Also of value to this office is the fact that the informant has brought [] into contact with the Party. The result has been that on January 6, 1956, []

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FROM: SAC, SF (134-7)
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member of the County Executive Committee of the Communist Party, contacted [redacted] for a Communist Party meeting to be held February 4, 1956, to be addressed by [redacted] of the State Leadership of the Party. The PSI is to be present at this meeting, at which the Party's plan for drawing youth into the Party is to be discussed.

The informant has been closely observed during the frequent contacts with him, and it is noted that he is a stable person with a good mind and good personal habits and character. No trait is noted which might be expected to embarrass the Bureau or cause the Bureau to doubt his sincerity.

Every opportunity has been taken to indoctrinate the informant against disclosing his relationship with the Bureau through any media.

It is my personal recommendation that payment of this informant at the same rate is warranted by his performance.

I therefore recommend that authority be granted to continue payment to the above informant up to \$125.00 per month on a COD basis for services for a period of three months effective February 15, 1956.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 4/16/56

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [redacted]

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SUBJECT: [redacted] aka

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Reylet 1/5/56.

As you were advised in relet, [redacted] SF 1740-S, a member of the CP. The CP in Santa Clara County became interested in PSI probably only on that account. During the time SF 1740-S was being recruited into the CP, [redacted], member of the County Executive Committee of the CP, Santa Clara County, talked with SF 1740-S concerning the willingness of PSI to join the Party. At that time SF 1740-S indicated she would be willing; that she was politically to the left but rather naive.

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Just before SF 1740-S was taken back into the Party, [redacted] again discussed the matter with him, but left the situation as it was. Subsequently, SI subject [redacted] asked PSI to become active in the Los Altos-Mountain View Council for Civic Unity, which she has done. This organization is not known to be Communist controlled; however, since [redacted] is its president and SI subject [redacted] is a member, it has appeared worthwhile for PSI to attend meetings of the organization and report on same. This has amounted only to coverage of one of the mass organizational efforts of [redacted] and [redacted] but has been of some value.

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As you were previously advised, the PSI is not a forceful personality and it has been the plan of this office that she not take the initiative since it would appear that this is out of character for her. In the meanwhile, the CP has been in contact with her and it appears that she is making normal progress towards CP membership although she has not furnished any great volume of information. Probably the most valuable contribution PSI has made is the following:

On 1/11/56, [redacted] member of the Santa Clara County Executive Board of the CP and a woman who has been active in organizing youth CP activity at Stanford University and in Palo Alto,

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called on PSI. [redacted] arranged with PSI for the use of [redacted] PSI for a youth meeting to be held in February of 1956. At that time [redacted] asked PSI to process a list of names in connection with the CP's concentration policies in certain Santa Clara County industries. PSI discharged this obligation for [redacted]

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On 2/17/56, the above youth meeting was held and PSI was able to report on the persons present and the nature of the activities. PSI's report is in perfect agreement with that of [redacted] who was present and who described it as a meeting held by the CP to organize youth activities in the area and promote the "Youth Recorder." The main speaker was [redacted] who heads LYL in the Bay Area, and the chairman was [redacted], member of the Executive Committee of the CP, Santa Clara County, and who heads LYL activity in San Jose. All of the persons present, according to [redacted], were CP members. PSI was able to report on this meeting, SF 1740-S being out of town at the time of the meeting and being unable to attend.

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In addition, PSI attended a Palo Alto Peace Club meeting in February of 1956 and reported on it jointly with SF 1740-S.

PSI is not being paid on a regular basis; however, a total sum of \$25.00 has been paid her on authority of the SAC. As her development appears to warrant it, authority may be requested for regular payment of her.

Because her progress has been slow, she has not been assigned a symbol number; however, if she begins to report with regularity, a symbol number will be assigned.

PSI is contacted several times a month and [redacted] considerably oftener. In this way, her progress is being directed and she is carefully observed for traits of character which might possibly embarrass the Bureau. [redacted]

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[redacted] Nothing has been observed which is considered dangerous to the relationship of herself or her husband with the Bureau or which might conceivably embarrass the Bureau. She is constantly

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being impressed with the necessity for maintaining her relationship with the Bureau in strictest confidence and every precaution is taken to insure that she does not publicize this relationship. | 2

It is believed that her progress and the information she furnishes warrants her continuance as a PSI. The Bureau will be promptly advised of any change in her status.

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SAC, San Francisco (100-11889; 134-7)

February 23, 1956

Director, FBI (100-3-29)

COMMUNIST PARTY,
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(Lot No. 15, dated 1/12/56.
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Reurlet dated February 7, 1956.

Page three of relet indicates that item K-1735, furnished by the captioned source, is the personal history for one Carl Prussian. This may pertain to a person of the same name who is the subject of a security-type file in your office. Accordingly, you should advise what action has been taken with regard to this material.

Page two of relet indicates that items K-1696 through K-1700 deal with notes on suspected Government agents including proposals to expose them. You should advise what action has been taken regarding this material.

You should furnish the above-requested information promptly.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/30/56

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.
SF 1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/22/02 BY SP2AM/gh

Remylet, dated 1/19/56, in which the Bureau authorized continued payment to this informant at the rate of \$125 per month on a COD basis for three months, effective 2/15/56.

Since this authority was granted, informant has attended the regular monthly meetings of his CP Club and submitted written reports of same. Informant reported on the 3/6/56 meeting of his CP Club and identified the eight other persons present at the meeting. He reported on a report given by one of the members, [redacted], on the success of the CP in penetrating and influencing Democratic Party clubs in Santa Clara County.

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He reported on the 2/27/56 meeting of the Palo Alto Peace Club and informant and another CP member were designated by the Club to pick up the main speaker in Carmel, California and accompany him to the meeting.

He reported on the 3/20/56 regular CP Club meeting and identified the six persons present at the meeting. He learned there of the CP's concentration in this area on the Westinghouse Electric Plant and the methods used in contacting workers in this plant. He also heard a discussion of re-organization of the CP in that County as well as the Party line on JOE STALIN.

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He reported on the 4/4/56 meeting of the South Palo Alto Democratic Club, a meeting at which he was instructed to go to by the CP. There he heard discussions of the candidacy on the Democratic Party ticket of ALLAN ISAKSEN, who is known to informant as a CP member. He was able to identify six CP members influential in this Democratic Party Club.

He reported on the 4/3/56 meeting of his CP Club and identified the six members present. He reported on the efforts of the CP to penetrate the Ford Plant located in Santa Clara County and discussions of methods of reaching Westinghouse employees.

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To Director, FBI (61-9152)
From SAC, SF (134-7)
Re SF 1740-S
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At this meeting informant was designated to accompany [redacted] CP member employed at the Ford Plant to contact other Ford employees regarding the DPW.

He reported on the regular monthly meeting of PAPC held 4/10/56. He reported further on the candidacy of ALLAN ISAKSEN and was one of three Communists who met with OLETA YATES, convicted Smith Act subject and member of the State Board of the CP, to obtain CP permission for CP member ISAKSEN to run as a Democrat.

He has followed ISAKSEN's candidacy through his close personal contact and has been able to report on all instructions from the CP. ISAKSEN had to drop his CP membership before running on the Democratic ticket.

The informant has been closely observed during the frequent contacts with him and it is noted that he is a stable person with a good mind and good personal habits and character. No traits were noted which might be expected to embarrass the Bureau or cause the Bureau to doubt his sincerity. Every opportunity has been taken to indoctrinate the informant against discussing his relationship with the Bureau through any media. /

It is my personal recommendation that payment of this informant at the same rate should be continued. Therefore, recommend that authority be granted to continue payment to the above informant up to \$125 per month on a COD basis for services for a period of three months, effective 5/15/56. *same*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.
SF 1740-S

DATE: July 25, 1956

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/20/88 BY SP2ACR/dj

Remylet of April 30, 1956, on which the Bureau, on May 7, 1956, approved payment to this informant at the rate of \$125.00 per month on a COD basis for a period of six months, effective May 15, 1956.

Since that authority was granted, informant has attended the regular monthly meetings of his Communist Party club and submitted written reports of same.

Following is a summarization of the information he has been able to furnish.

SF 1740-S was a member of the Communist Party club of ALLAN ISAKSEN. He is also ISAKSEN's employer. ISAKSEN is a candidate for Assembly of the 18th Congressional District, State of California, on the Democratic ticket, and has dropped his Communist Party membership in order to run for this office.

Informant has been able to obtain from ISAKSEN and from the Communist Party, a running account of the political manipulations of the Communist Party in connection with ISAKSEN's candidacy.

This has included the directions of the State Office of the Communist Party and of the county and section committees. He has reported on Communist Party meetings held for this purpose, March 26, 1956, April 23, 1956, April 25, 1956, April 27, 1956, and April 7, 1956.

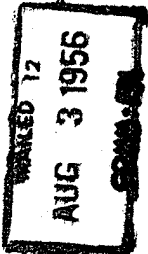
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

RE: SF 1740-S

In April of 1956, a member of the Santa Clara County Executive Committee of the Communist Party arranged with informant for use of a studio at his home to house a meeting of the Communist Party to be addressed by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman of the Communist Party, 13th District and member of the National Board, on the significance of the Party Congress in the Soviet Union.

Informant gave his consent, notified the FBI and arrangements were made for complete surveillance with his cooperation. Unfortunately, the date and place of the meeting were changed as a result of previous commitments by SCHNEIDERMAN and this coverage was not effected.

Informant, in April of 1956, participated in a meeting of leading Communist Party members with [redacted] who is not a Communist Party member and who is both active and important in democratic party work. [redacted] is on the Security Index. Information obtained by informant during this meeting is of considerable value to the investigation of [redacted]

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Informant, in May of 1956, was able to furnish valuable information concerning [redacted], until recently a Security Index subject of this office, and whose son was Subject of Security of Government Employees investigation by the San Francisco Office.

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Informant reported on a May 26, 1956, meeting sponsored by the Communist Party of Santa Clara County and

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

RE: SF 1740-S

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held at the home of two Communist Party members and addressed by [redacted], Smith Act subject and editor of the "Daily People's World". [redacted] spoke as a substitute for SCHNEIDERMAN. Informant reported fully on [redacted] talk on the Soviet Union and the questions asked by the Communist Party members present, together with [redacted] answers.

This was a very revealing report on the problems of the Communist Party relative to the KRUSCHEV denunciation of STALIN.

In addition, informant furnished an excellent report concerning the following:

A meeting held June 8, 1956, at Palo Alto, addressed by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN and attended by 32 Communist Party members. SCHNEIDERMAN gave a full report on the deliberations of the National Committee relative to the KRUSCHEV disclosures. At a meeting of his Communist Party Club June 20, 1956, there ensued further discussion of the position of the Communist Party USA, relative to the Communist Party, SU.

ISAAC FOLKOFF, long time member of the Communist Party and formerly a State officer of the Communist Party, and informant discussed the question of WALTER REUTHER at some length. Informant took the Communist Party position on the matter and FOLKOFF opposed him. Two days later, informant received a letter of apology from FOLKOFF, in which he apologized for not having adjusted his thinking to the newer developments in international Communism.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

RE: SF 1740-S

Informant has found that since that discussion he has received respect and attention from the older Communist Party members and states he appears to be getting a "reputation as a Marxist". He states he believes that this and other recent evidences of respect on the part of the comrades, will enable him to make a move for a position of responsibility in the Communist Party.

He stated he will discreetly allow it to become known that he is available for promotion and still broader Communist Party work. It appears from the nature of the information furnished by informant and from comments of other Security Informants concerning him, that he is making excellent progress in the Communist Party.

The informant has been closely observed during the frequent contacts with him and is noted to be a stable person with a good mind, good personal habits, and character. No traits were noted which might be expected to embarrass the Bureau.

Every opportunity has been taken to indoctrinate the informant against discussing his relation with the Bureau through any medium. ✓

It is my personal recommendation that payment of this informant at the same rate should be continued. I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to continue payment to informant up to \$125.00 per month on a COD basis for services for a period of three months effective August 15, 1956. *[Signature]*

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TO : Director, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: August 24, 1956

FROM : SAC, San Francisco [redacted] b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PSIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/22/02 BY SP2ALM/clj

Remylet 4/16/56 and re Form 01, 8/3/56.

As you were advised in re let, PSI [redacted] b7D
[redacted] SF 1740-S, a member of the CP. According to
SF 1740-S, the CP Santa Clara County, has become interested
in PSI [redacted] the informant.
The matter of her willingness to cooperate with the party
was discussed with her by a CP functionary during the
time of recruitment of SF 1740-S into the CP. She
indicated to the party her willingness to go along and the
informant warned party members [redacted]
[redacted]

After SF 1740-S had become active in the party,
PSI was contacted by [redacted] SI subject, who asked
her to become active in the Los Altos-Mountain View Council
for Civic Unity. It was requested she affiliate with this
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[redacted] is President of the organization and SI
subject WALTER HARJU is a member. The organization,
despite the influence of [redacted] and HARJU, does not
appear to be a CP controlled or CP line organization
since it is a part of a state-wide organization which
is non-Communist. Informant's reports, therefore, do
not particularly concern the organization but are rather
an account of the mass organizational efforts of SI
subjects [redacted] and HARJU. b6
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Because PSI is not a forceful person, she has
made no particular effort to bring herself to the attention
of the CP and it is rather being left to the CP to take
the initiative regarding her CP membership. This course
was adopted since any other would have been completely
out of character for this particular informant. It
appears that she is making normal progress towards CP
membership and has furnished information of some value.
She is not being paid and has not been assigned a symbol
number since the volume of information furnished does not
appear to warrant it. If her development appears to
warrant it, a symbol number will be assigned and authority
requested for regular payments to her.

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In June 1956, a written report was received by her concerning [redacted] a security subject of this office. It set forth [redacted] activity in connection with [redacted]. Also in June 1956, PSI furnished a written report concerning her contact with [redacted] a member of the Santa Clara County Executive Committee of the CP. PSI noted that [redacted] commented she considered PSI "as good as in any way". PSI stated that [redacted] was clearly referring to the CP and was indicating the CP's trust in her in notifying [redacted] through PSI of an impending CP meeting to be addressed by BILL SCHNEIDERMAN.

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Thereafter, FIELD discussed with PSI the recent developments in the Soviet Union in the manner of one CP member discussing CP affairs with another.

PSI is contacted several times a month and in addition, [redacted] regularly comments on her progress when he is contacted. Her progress, while slow, is being directed and appears normal. During these contacts she is observed for traits of character or weaknesses which might possibly embarrass the Bureau. Her character and habits appear to be excellent [redacted]

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that she appears to have more confidence and a better presence in the company of party members and he feels that as her progress in this regard continues, she may develop into a valuable security informant.

She is constantly impressed with the necessity for maintaining her relationship with the Bureau in strictest confidence and every precaution is taken to insure that she does not jeopardize this relationship. ✓

It is believed that information she furnishes and the progress she is making warrants her continuing as a PSI. The Bureau will be advised promptly of any change in her status.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)

DATE:

11/23/56

FROM

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT:

SF 1740-S

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2AM/edj

Remylet dated 7/25/56, on which the Bureau approved payment to this Informant at the rate of \$125.00 per month on a COD basis for a period of three months, effective 8/15/56.

1. Address - 530 Hawthorne, Los Altos, California.

Informant is self-employed as owner, Lorelei Homes, same address.

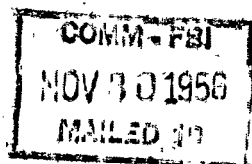
Occupation - house builder; proprietor of paint store; proprietor of blue-print reproducing business.

2. Member of Communist party, (CP), Santa Clara County, California.

3. Informant has furnished reports on regular CP Club meetings, and meetings to organize a CP County Convention, which is to be held 12/1/56, in the studio of SF 1740-S.

Informant furnished reports on CP pre-convention discussions, and has reported the political activity of ALLAN ISAKSEN, CP member until he resigned to run as a Democratic Candidate for Assemblyman in Santa Clara County. In addition, a reorganization of CP Clubs in Santa Clara County has enabled Informant to report on additional CP members.

4. \$125.00 per month.
5. CP meetings - 7.



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From: SAC, San Francisco
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6. Eight written and three oral reports.
7. Informant was able to furnish advance notice of the date and place of a meeting of the Santa Clara County CP Convention; the fact that it is to be held at Informant's home, enables more complete coverage by surveillance. Informant's reports on pre-convention discussions have revealed the CP line and present attitudes of important CP members.

Informant furnished coverage of ALLAN ISAKSEN's political campaign, noting the Party elements which assisted in this campaign.

8. Informant reports on approximately 20 persons, all of whom are members of the CP and who include the leadership of the CP, Santa Clara County; and periodically one or more leaders from the CP 13th District.
9. Prospects for advancement are excellent. Informant is smart, aggressive and a Marxist, and has what the CP considers a good background, in that he is classified "working-class" and has a history of participation in left-wing labor strife in Detroit during the middle 1930s. ISAAC "POP" FOLKOFF, Charter CP Member and former Comintern participant, apparently regards Informant very highly.

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10. Informant appears to be both stable and reliable. It has been noted that in his reports he clearly labels conjecture, and that his reporting is otherwise factual. / 1

No traits indicating unreliability or untrustworthiness and no problems likely to be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau are noted.

11. Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the Informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media. / 2

12. All necessary action has been taken on information furnished by Informant.

13. None.

14. I therefore recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above Informant up to \$125.00 per month on a COD basis for services rendered for a period of three months, effective 11/15/56. *Samuel*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: December 6, 1956

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [redacted] b7D

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka
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Remylet dated August 21, 1956.

The PSI is considered discontinued as of December 2, 1956, since she is making no apparent progress toward Communist party membership. She states that [redacted] who seemed interested in recruiting her, no longer contacts her.

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SF 1740-S does not believe that the PSI is security informant material at this time and he believes she should not continue her activity. [redacted] because to do so would expose SF 1740-S, who is presently an active member of the CP furnishing valuable information.

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The file in this case has been reviewed and it is noted that the Department has not inquired regarding the availability of this PSI as a witness. No information furnished by this informant has been disseminated to other offices so there appears no need to advise other offices of her changed status. Measures to control the PSI are being taken and she will be contacted regularly for this purpose. In addition, control can be maintained through SF 1740-S. The PSI has no plans for writing or otherwise publicizing her relationship with the Bureau and in view of her relationship with SF 1740-S will maintain this former relationship with the FBI in strictest confidence. Because of her relationship with SF 1740-S her name should not be set out in reports. Information she has furnished should be described as coming from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

All of the administrative detail attendant to discontinuing informants has been taken care of.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800)
 FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)
 SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.
SF 1740-S

DATE: January 23, 1957

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 4/22/00 BY SP2ALM/klj

Remy letter dated November 23, 1956, in which the Bureau approved payment to this informant at the rate of \$125 per month on a COD basis for a period of three months effective November 15, 1956.

(1) Informant resides at 530 Hawthorne, Los Altos, California. He is self-employed as owner of Lorelei Homes, same address. Occupation, housebuilder, proprietor of a paint store, proprietor of a blueprint reproducing business.

(2) Member of the Communist Party (CP) Santa Clara County, California.

(3) Informant has furnished reports of regular CP club meetings and of three sessions of the Santa Clara County convention of the CP.

(4) Paid \$125 per month.

(5) CP meetings - 8

(6) 8 written reports

(7) Informant was able to furnish advance notice of the date and place of all three sessions of the Santa Clara County conventions of the CP. This notice enabled coverage of all three sessions by surveillance. Informant's reports on the development of the resolutions of the county and its recommendations to the state convention and its appointment of delegates to the state convention have been of great value in determining the current attitude of the CP in California toward CP leadership. For instance, he was able to report the attitude of the CP in this county is in opposition to National Committee Member and Chairman

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of the 13th District, WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. Informant has a fine knowledge of Marxism and his reports show a clear understanding of the thinking of the CP leadership and membership.

(8) During the period covered by this letter, informant has reported on about 35 CP members. Included in this number are the leadership of the CP of Santa Clara County and several leaders from the CP 13th District State Headquarters.

(9) Informant's prospects for advancement appear to be excellent. He is aggressive and of "working class background", and the party knows of his participation in the left wing labor strife in Detroit in the middle 1930's.

(10) Informant appears to be both stable and reliable. His reporting is factual and has been determined through comparison of other informants and by surveillance to be entirely accurate. No traits indicating unreliability or untrustworthiness and no problems likely to be a source of embarrassment have been noted.

(11) Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media. 2.

(12) All necessary action has been taken on information furnished by the informant.

(13) None

(14) I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above informant up to \$125 per month on a COD basis for services rendered for a period of three months effective February 15, 1957.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/22/57

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: SF 1740-S
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Remylet 1/23/57, in which the Bureau approved payment to this informant at the rate of \$125 per month on a COD basis for a period of three months, effective 2/15/57.

1. Informant resides at 530 Hawthorne, Los Altos, California. He is self employed as a building contractor, owner of Lorelei Homes, same address, proprietor of a paint store and proprietor of a blueprint reproducing business.
2. Member of the CP, Santa Clara County, California, assigned to Los Altos - Mountain View CP Club.
3. Informant has furnished reports of regular CP club meetings together with the concentration efforts of the CP, Santa Clara County.
4. Paid \$125 per month.
5. Attended five CP meetings.
6. Seven written reports; three oral reports.
7. Informant has reported on his CP Club meetings. He has, in addition, furnished an excellent report on a summarization of the National CP Convention by the Santa Clara County representative to that convention. He has reported on the activity of [redacted] member of the National Committee of the CP. Being an excellent Marxist, informant has been able to report and interpret the new CP line.

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From: SAC, SF (134-7)
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8. During the period covered by this letter informant has reported on about thirty CP members, including Santa Clara County leadership and 13th District leadership.
9. Informant's prospects for advancement appear to be excellent. His background is "working class", he is aggressive and intelligent and the party is aware of his CP activity in the middle 1930's.
10. Informant appears stable and reliable and his reporting has been checked and found to be factual. No traits indicating unreliability likely to be a source of embarrassment have been noted. 1-
11. Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media. 2-
12. All necessary action has been taken on information furnished by the informant.
13. None.
14. I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above informant up to \$125 per month on a COD basis for service rendered for a period of three months effective 5/15/57.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-381800) ⁶¹⁻⁹¹⁵²

DATE: 7-22-57

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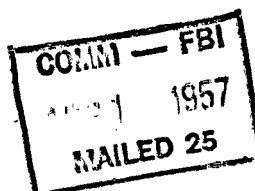
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DATE 4/20/00 BY 202ALM/clj

Rerylet, dated 4-22-57, on which the Bureau approved payment to this Informant at the rate of \$125 per month on a COD basis for a period of three months, effective May 15, 1957.

1. No change ✓
2. Member of the CP, Santa Clara County, California, assigned to Los Altos Mountain View CP Club.
3. Informant has furnished reports of club meetings together with current CP line and concentration policies.
4. Paid \$125 per month.
5. Attended two CP meetings, one "Peoples World" benefit at his home, had four meetings with individual members of his CP club, from which valuable information regarding the CP was obtained.
6. Seven written reports, three oral reports.
7. Informant has reported on his CP club meetings and through the CP club meetings, the CP concentration efforts. For instance, at the June 6, 1957, CP club meeting, the County Chairman instructed the club to participate in a petition drive and other efforts to form a mass movement to stop nuclear weapons tests. From another CP club meeting, Informant was able to report the CP line and program with relation to hearings by Congressional Committees. Through Informant's contact with ISAAC FOLKOFF, charter member of the CP, Informant was able to report the dialectics by which the Party leadership guide the Party through times of "repression."

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8. During the period covered by this letter, Informant has reported on about 30 Security Index subjects and security subjects, including the leadership of the CP in Santa Clara County, California. 11
9. Informant's prospects for advancement appear to be excellent and it is noted that many meetings are being held at his home.
10. Informant appears to be stable and reliable and his reporting has been found to be accurate. No traits indicating unreliability likely to be a source of embarrassment have been noted. 1-
11. Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the Informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media. 2-
12. All necessary action has been taken on information furnished by the Informant.
13. None.
14. I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above Informant up to \$125 per month on a COD basis for services rendered for a period of three months, effective August 15, 1957.

Samuel

1 - Mr. Vallerberg

SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

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Reurlet dated July 22, 1957, advising that the captioned informant has expressed an interest in possibly publicizing his experiences in the Communist Party (CP) when his relationship with the Bureau ends.

It is noted that he has no definite plans at the present time for such a book and is still interested in continuing to cooperate with your office as a security informant.

This matter should be closely followed by your office and contacting Agents should be alert to note any indication that this informant is taking positive action regarding his publicizing his experiences.

In addition, you should be certain that this informant does not retain copies of reports submitted by him and he should be continually checked to determine if he is keeping copies of reports. In this connection, your attention is directed to instructions set out in Section 107 (a) of the Manual of Instructions relating to reporting by informants.

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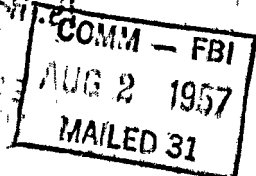
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This informant was first contacted in 1949 and developed as an informant; he was active in communist affairs from 1933 until 1938; he was reregistered as a CP member in early 1955 and continues to furnish valuable information regarding the CP in Santa Clara County, California. He is being paid up to \$125 per month for services rendered. Although relet states this informant has taken no positive action with regard to writing a book, it is felt San Francisco should be cautioned to be alert for developments along this line and be certain informant does not retain copies of reports submitted by him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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(100-381800)

DATE: 7-22-57

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

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SUBJECT: SF-1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 4/22/02 BY SP2AN/KJ

This is to advise that the following discussion was had this month with SF-1740-S.

His wife and family have been in Europe for over a month. In their absence, he has had time to reflect on his experiences in the Communist Party (CP) and to attempt to analyze his reasons for joining and for his dedication to the CP while still a member. He has attempted to determine what it was that brought him into the Party and it has occurred to him that these experiences might well be made into a book. He believes such a book would make a real contribution, serving as a warning to youth who might be tempted to join the CP and giving the reader an insight into the falseness of Communist doctrine. He says he has no definite plans for such a book and does not know whether it should be written as a novel or possibly as a series of stories, each illustrating a phase of the falseness of Communist doctrine. He says he has no idea when, if ever, he might write this book. He says he has no talent himself as a writer and would have to have a ghost writer. He stated that he would, of course, do nothing in the way of publishing this book until his relationship with the Bureau is ended.

He said he intends to continue to serve as a security informant as long as he can be useful to the Bureau. He would, if he wrote such a book, furnish any manuscript to the Bureau, before offering it to a publisher. He said he would make no mention of his connection with the Bureau or of his having served as a security informant. He stated that in writing such a book, he would draw upon his experiences in the CP, but would not use his own name. He stated that it might be possible, however, that some of the incidents related in such a book, might identify him as the author. He stated he would not fear exposure as author of this book if his services to the FBI were completed, since he desires to combat Communism in every way he can.

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He stated that he wants to submit his manuscript to the FBI if he writes this book, because he says he would not want to mention names of Communists or ex-Communists who might be assisting the FBI, or who might be occupying positions where their exposure would in any way aid the Communist Party.

This matter had been carefully considered by this Office and UACB, it is proposed that the following action be taken to insure continued control of the informant and to insure against embarrassment to the Bureau.

1. It is desired to continue to utilize the services of Subject as a security informant. He is a valuable informant, a member of the CP, and highly regarded by the CP, and it is felt that he can progress, inasmuch as he is smart and aggressive, of "working class background," and knows Marxist theory.
2. Close personal observation of this informant will be continued in order that this office will be aware when and if informant's intentions to write a book actually take form.
3. It will be arranged that the FBI will be furnished any manuscript or notes prepared by informant on the pretext that such may contain information of value to the Bureau, and which informant had previously forgotten to furnish. It will be made clear to the informant that the Bureau is not censoring or approving the manuscript.
4. Continued control will be effected so that in the event Informant writes a book, it will be make no mention of his relationship with the Bureau.

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TO : Director, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 10/17/57

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

SUBJECT: SF 1740-S

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DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2AM/clj

Rebulet 8/2/57.

1. Residence and Employment

No change.

2. Current Membership in Organizations

Informant is a member of the CP, Santa Clara County, assigned to the Los Altos-Mountain View CP Club.

3. Summary of Information Furnished During Pertinent Period

Informant has furnished reports of his CP club meetings, together with current CP discussions of policy and line and organizational data.

4. Amount Paid for Services and Expenses by Month

Paid \$125 per month.

5. Type and Number of Meetings Attended and Other Activity

Attended three CP club meetings and one "People's World" benefit held at his home.

6. Number of Written and Oral Reports Submitted

Four written reports; one oral report.

7. Information Furnished of an Unusual Value

During this period Informant was able to furnish a summary of information from a delegate to the National Convention on the local and national CP situation. He also furnished information regarding transfers of Party functionaries on the West Coast. He was also able to furnish data obtained from a delegate to the National Committee on national CP membership.

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8. Approximate Number of Persons on Whom Informant Furnished Coverage

During this period Informant furnished data on approximately 14 persons.

9. Informant's Potential for Advancement

Prospects for advancement appear to be excellent and it is noted he occupies a position of trust and that meetings are frequently held at his home. //

10. Stability and Reliability

Informant is stable and reliable and his reporting has been found to be careful and accurate.

11. Indoctrination Against Disclosure

Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the Informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media.

12. All necessary action has been taken on information furnished.

13. Miscellaneous

The instructions contained in referenced letter have been followed and it appears there is no indication at present that Informant is actually writing a book. Informant has been cautioned against maintaining copies of informant reports.

14. Recommendation

I therefore recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above Informant up to \$125 per month on a COD basis for services rendered, for a period of three months, effective 10/15/57.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

FROM : *Wob* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONF. INFT.
SF 1740-S

DATE: 1/20/58

7/2/58
Re my letter, 10/17/57.

1. Residence and Employment:

No change.

2. Current Membership in Organizations:

Informant is a member of the Communist Party (CP), Santa Clara County, assigned to the Los Altos-Mountain View CP Club.

3. Summary of Information Furnished During Pertinent Period:

Informant reports on his CP club meetings and the results of policy and CP line discussions with long time CP members and leadership.

4. Amount Paid for Services and Expenses by Month:

Paid \$125 per month.

5. Type and Number of Meetings Attended and Other Activity:

Attended three CP meetings and, in absence of scheduled meetings in December, at request of this Office, visited with leading CP members in the area, reporting their attitude toward current CP problems and organization.

6. Number of Written and Oral Reports Submitted:

Six written and three oral.

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7. Information Furnished of Unusual Value:

Informant reported the results of his contact as a CP emissary with important Security Index Subject [redacted] during which he asked [redacted] to rejoin the CP and reported [redacted] response to that request. Furnished information re the state of the CP, 13th District, as reported to him by a delegate to the National Convention and member of the District Committee. Reported on her comments re the national CP situation. Reported on reorganization of four CP clubs in Palo Alto Section, CP, Santa Clara County, into three clubs.

8. Approximate Number of Persons on Whom Informant
Furnished Coverage:

During this period, informant furnished data on ten persons.

9. Informant's Potential for Advancement:

Prospects for advancement appear excellent, and he appears to occupy a position of trust in the CP.

10. Stability and Reliability:

Informant appears stable and reliable and his reporting has been found to be accurate.

11. Indoctrination Against Disclosure:

Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate the informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media.

12. All Necessary Action has been Taken on Information
Furnished:

Yes.

13. Miscellaneous:

Informant advises he has done nothing more toward writing a book and has no plans at present for

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same. Informant advises he has, during the past four months, suffered substantial financial reverses. He attempted to start building a large tract of houses near San Jose. His financing failed, and he lost a considerable sum of money. He says he is still solvent and is going ahead with plans to build four or five houses at a time. He states he is not in precarious financial circumstances.

14. Recommendation:

I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above informant up to \$125 per month on a COD basis for services rendered for a period of four months effective 2/15/58.

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1 - Mr. Rose

SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

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It is noted that during the past payment period this informant has been paid the maximum amount of \$125 each month for his services and no break down has been made to show the amount paid to him for expenses.

For record purposes, it is desired that payments to informants be broken down to show the exact amount paid for services and information furnished and the exact amount paid for expenses incurred by them.

Based on your personal recommendation, authority is granted to continue payments to SF 1740-S on a c.o.d. basis up to \$100 per month for information furnished and services rendered plus up to \$25 per month for expenses actually incurred for a period of four months effective 6-15-58.

1 - Mr. J.S. Johnson; 331 OPO

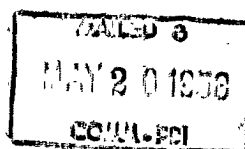
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 5/9/58

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

CONF. INFT.

SUBJECT: SF 1740-S

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 4/22/00 BY SP2AM/dj

Remylet, 1/20/58.

1) Residence and employment:

No change.

2) Current membership in organizations:Member Communist Party (CP), Santa Clara
County.3) Summary of information furnished
during pertinent period:

Informant furnished information regarding regular meetings of his CP club; consolidation of this CP club with another; and report of CP organized peace meeting plus CP effort to infiltrate a committee protesting nuclear weapons testing.

4) Amount paid for services
and expenses by month:

Paid \$125.00 per month, he having submitted regular reports of the above activity each month.

5) Type and number of meetings
attended and other activity:

- 4 CP meetings
1 meeting Peninsula Committee for Abolition
of Nuclear Testing
1 peace meeting addressed by SCOTT NEARING

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6) Number of written and oral reports submitted:

6 written
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7) Information furnished of unusual value:

Informant recently identified entire membership of Palo Alto Section of CP following consolidation of this section into one large CP club. He has given this office coverage of a newly formed organization led largely by Stanford University professors protesting nuclear weapons testing. Informant's reports have followed the results of CP efforts to infiltrate this organization. He obtained general information regarding CP line aims and purposes from discussion with ISAAC FOLKOFF, old-time CP member and considered a leading Marxist theoretician.

8) Approximate number of persons on whom Informant furnished coverage and their importance:

14 persons, including county leadership of CP.

9) Informant's potential for advancement:

Informant's potential for advancement appears excellent since he is well informed on Marxist theory and since his CP history is known to date back to the mid-1930s.

10) Stability and Reliability:

Informant is stable and reliable and no qualities have been observed indicating untrustworthiness or weaknesses which may become a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.

11) Indoctrination against disclosure:

Every opportunity has been taken to properly indoctrinate Informant against making any disclosure of his relationship with the Bureau through any media.

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12) All necessary action taken
on information furnished:

Yes.

13) Miscellaneous:

No comment.

14) Recommendation:

I, therefore, recommend that authority be granted to continue payments to the above Informant up to \$125.00 per month for services for a period of four months, effective June 15, 1958.

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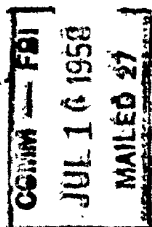
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Reurlet 6-27-58 captioned "SF 1740-S."

The Bureau has given very careful consideration to the comments set out in relet including your recommendation to continue SF 1740-S as an active security informant until such time as he actually begins to write his book. It is now apparent that informant is increasingly serious about his intention to publish a book relating to his past Communist Party activities. While he still insists this whole matter is nebulous at this stage, he has discussed his project with a well-known newspaperman and has admitted to Agents he wants this newspaperman to "ghostwrite" his book. On top of that, informant has disclosed his confidential relationship with your office in spite of existing instructions which specifically prohibit taking such action, instructions with which he is well aware.

In view of the above, the Bureau feels the continued use of this individual as a security informant represents too great a risk of possible embarrassment to the Bureau. Discontinue him immediately and fulfill all requirements of Section 1070, Manual of Instructions. Handle this in a way to maintain his good will and make certain he understands that, should he proceed with his publication plans, the Bureau has no interest whatsoever in reviewing any manuscript he prepares.

In the event newspaperman Montgomery contacts your office to inquire concerning this former informant, his status with the Bureau or his past Communist Party activities, you should decline to make any comment. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of any pertinent developments which may come to your attention relating to the publication of his proposed book.



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RE: FORMER SF 1740-S
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NOTE:

This informant was active in CP 1933 to 1938 at which time he dropped out for personal reasons. In June, 1947, and again during April, 1949, he contacted SFO and expressed desire to help Bureau. Symbolized during 11-49. He became reactivated in CP 5-55 and has been under current authorization to receive up to \$100 per month for services plus \$25 monthly for expenses. During 7-57 he advised SFO he contemplated publishing a book concerning his past CP activity in the Detroit area. He said he would do nothing concerning this book until his relationship with the Bureau ended and Bulet 8-2-57 cautioned SFO to closely follow this situation. SFO has now advised he discussed this matter with his attorney who in turn introduced him to Ed Montgomery, prominent and crusading San Francisco Hearst newspaperman and Pulitzer Prize winner. He discussed plans for Montgomery to "ghostwrite" his book but claims no agreement signed and project still in nebulous stage. However, during interview with Montgomery this informant disclosed his relationship with Bureau. He has been a good informant but in view of his plans to publish a book, which now are apparently taking a more concrete base, and his disclosure of his relationship with Bureau to an unauthorized individual, believed preferable to discontinue his services immediately to avoid any possible embarrassment or repercussions in the future.

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TO: Director, FBI (100-381800) ⁶⁻⁹¹⁵²

DATE: 6/27/58

FROM: SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

SUBJECT: CONF. INET.
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In view of the information set out below, I would ordinarily recommend that this informant be discontinued; however, I believe this recommendation would be premature at this time.

Remylet, July 22, 1957, which advised of informant's interest in writing a book on communism. Informant advises he is still hopeful of writing such a book and that his plans are taking form as follows.

In connection with his contracting business and during conversations with his attorney, HENRY C. TODD, 2497 Ross Road, Palo Alto, SF 1740-S mentioned that he would like to write a book about communism. The attorney made an appointment for him with ED MONTGOMERY, a prominent and crusading San Francisco Hearst newspaperman and Pulitzer Prize winner. Informant met MONTGOMERY, told MONTGOMERY of his early CP activity in Detroit in connection with the auto workers' strikes, and indicated he left the CP in 1940-41. In answer to MONTGOMERY's query, he said he has cooperated with the FBI. Informant, when pressed, admitted he told MONTGOMERY he was cooperating with the FBI.

Informant wants MONTGOMERY to "ghost-write" his book, which he says will be concerned with an anonymous account of his early days in the CP in Detroit. The informant inquired if this office would contact MONTGOMERY. He was informed this office would not contact MONTGOMERY at this time, and that if MONTGOMERY contacted this office, that no comment would be made.

MONTGOMERY has not contacted this office. Since he is an experienced newspaper man it is conceivable that he might contact the Bureau if he decides at any time in the future to cooperate with the informant in writing a book.

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During the conversation between the informant and MONTGOMERY no agreement was discussed nor any action taken and the whole matter is very nebulous at this stage.

The situation is the same as it was in reflet of July 22, 1957, except that the informant has divulged his cooperation with the Bureau, contrary to his statement of cooperation on March 10, 1953 to Agents of this office.

We can either drop him as an informant, but maintain contact to exercise control and maintain good will, or admonish him and retain him as an informant under strict control. The drawbacks of the situation are recognized but it would appear that continuing SF 1740-S as an informant offers a greater possibility of control than dropping him would. The informant has stated that if the book is written there will be no mention of the FBI or of his CP activities in California.

SF 1740-S is a member of the CP and a valuable informant. He is desirous of continuing his services as an informant until such time as his book is published, if it is. It will be difficult to replace him, in view of his intelligence and his knowledge of Marxism. The only other security informant in the territory where he operates is [redacted] who was recently out of the territory for a year and whose services might again be lost. SF 1740-S would be difficult to replace.

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This matter has been carefully considered and it is proposed that the action outlined in San Francisco letter of July 22, 1957 and Bureau letter of August 2, 1957 be followed. In the event informant and MONTGOMERY actually begin the writing of this book, it may be that the Bureau will wish this office to contact MONTGOMERY in order that Bureau interests be safeguarded. As set forth in relet, informant has stated previously, and he reiterates it now, he does not plan on using material obtained while operating as a Bureau informant.

In the event the informant actually begins to write a book, this office recommends informant be discontinued.

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TO : Director, FBI (61-9152)

FROM : *WB*
SAC, San Francisco (134-7)

DATE: 8-4-58

CPH SUBJECT: *P*
KARL PRUSSIAN
Former SF 1740-S

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DATE 4/30/00 BY SP2AM/dj

Re Bulet 7/16/58.

Informant was discontinued 7/20/58 and requirements of Section 107Q of the Manual of Instructions were fulfilled and the instructions contained in relet carried out.

id PRUSSIAN was friendly and accepted the Bureau's decision without discussion. He stated he has done nothing toward writing a book and has had no further contact with ED MONTGOMERY. He stated he would drop out of the CP diminishing his activity of a period of a month or two and will furnish any additional information he obtains. PRUSSIAN asked that his name not be used in disseminated reports until after he is exposed as a former informant. He stated he would be willing to testify in open court or before administrative hearing boards, but stated he would like to be consulted before any subpoena is issued. He stated he would willingly testify only in a situation where the importance of which would outweigh the following disadvantages to him.

He is a house builder and his good reputation is necessary to enable him to sell his homes, but principally in the obtaining of loans and pledges of financing for his homes. He stated he presently has a loan of \$600,000, which might be jeopardized by his exposure in a contraversial situation.

He stated that in addition, his wife, DOROTHY, is in poor health. He and his wife have planned that if they are to be exposed publically, they will leave the Los Altos, California, area for New Mexico or Arizona, where his wife's health would be better; he would want, therefore, to make arrangements for sale of his home and business and be able to move his family out of the area before exposure.

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Informant has furnished information in one SGE case, SF 140-2083, captioned, "DONALD COOK MATCHAN, Jr., aka., Temporary Substitute Clerk, Post Office Department, Los Altos". No action has been taken in this matter inasmuch as MATCHAN was since killed in an automobile accident.

Review of the file indicates there has been no correspondence between the Bureau and the field regarding the Department's interest in using Informant as a witness. Measures to control Informant have been considered and it is planned that close contact will be had with the Informant to insure against his taking any action against the Bureau's interest.

As you know, PRUSSIAN has plans for writing a book and the Bureau's instructions in connection therewith have been complied with.

Copies of a memorandum setting forth former Informant's present situation have been prepared and designated for the files of all individuals and organizations wherein Informant has furnished positive information. As noted, the administrative action set forth in Section 107Q of the Manual of Instructions, have been carried out.

Case closed in San Francisco.

- Mr. Donohue

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KARL PRUSSIAN
FORMER SF 1740-S

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Re previous communications concerning indications that Prussian had plans to write a book or submit articles to a newspaper on communist activities.

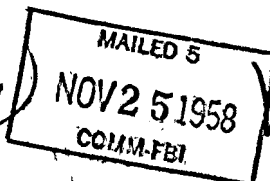
For your confidential information on 11-18-58 Dave Sentner of the Hearst Organization in Washington contacted the Bureau and requested information on Prussian, particularly as to whether he had been an informant and what we thought of him. Sentner said he understood Prussian had been "gathering missile information" for the FBI. According to Sentner the "San Francisco Examiner" is considering dealing with Prussian in the preparation of either a book or a series of articles. On 11-20-58 Sentner was advised that we can make no comment regarding Prussian, cannot vouch for him but he did serve as an informant in connection with security matters for us for a period extending from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated for information furnished. Sentner was also told that Prussian was never a Special Agent of the FBI.

Since the discontinuance of Prussian was on a friendly basis and it appears that he has definite plans to publicize his communist background, contact him in the near future and emphasize that if he does take any such action he must stick to the truth and make certain he can back up what he says and if there is any deviation he will be subjected to harassment, criticism, possible libel, slander and other criminal acts. In this regard, consult Section 107 Q of the Manual of Instructions, and advise Bureau results of your interview.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Above action regarding contact with former informant is in accordance with Manual of Instructions which requires that prior to public appearance of former informant or publication by him of information developed by him when he was an informant contact should be made with him to caution him as outlined above. ~~Information~~ *Action* required by the regulation is to make certain former informant thoroughly understands he should be truthful and not embellish his past which could result in serious consequences.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 19, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE *gan*SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN
FORMER SAN FRANCISCO
INFORMANT 1740-S
DAVE SENTNER
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DATE 4/20/00 BY SP2/MLJBACKGROUND:

This informant was active in the Communist Party (CP) from 1933 to 1938 when he dropped out. In June, 1947, and April, 1949, he contacted the San Francisco FBI Office expressing a desire to help. He became an informant for us in November, 1949, and was reactivated in the CP in May, 1955 in San Francisco and was paid \$125 per month until discontinued July 20, 1958, as an informant. He resides 530 Hawthorne, Los Altos, California, is self-employed as a building contractor, owner of Lorelei Homes, proprietor of a paint store and proprietor of a blueprint reproducing process. He is a member of the CP, Santa Clara County, California.

This informant was characterized by us as aggressive and intelligent, well-versed on Marxist doctrine and reliable in every way.

His bank credit is good and in August of this year, had an outstanding loan of \$600,000 which he was paying in connection with his business.

In July, 1957, he advised it occurred to him his experiences in the CP might well be made into a book to serve as a warning to youth who might be tempted to join the CP. He said he had no definite plans, no talent himself in this regard, but he would employ a ghost writer. He promised to draw upon his own experiences in the CP and in no way involve the FBI nor his work for the FBI as an informant. He expressed a desire to cooperate in every way with the Bureau in permitting us to examine a manuscript if and when he had one prepared.

By letter dated August 2, 1957, the San Francisco Office was instructed by the Bureau to be alert for developments, to supervise informant closely and make certain he retained no copies of reports submitted.

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Memo Nease to Tolson:

11-19-58

Re: Karl Prussian

Former SF Informant 1740-S

Dave Sentner, Hearst Organization

The San Francisco Office advised the Bureau by letter dated June 27, 1958, that informant contacted his attorney, Henry C. Todd, Palo Alto, California, who put him in touch with Ed Montgomery, a prominent and crusading San Francisco Hearst newspaperman and a Pulitzer Prize winner. Montgomery and informant talked of the latter's early Detroit Party activity in connection with the auto workers' strikes. In answer to Montgomery's query, informant said he has cooperated with FBI. When pressed by us as to exactly what he told Montgomery, the informant admitted he told Montgomery he was cooperating with the FBI. Montgomery plans to "ghost write" informant's book. He asked us to contact Montgomery; this we refused to do. We advised him if Montgomery contacted us, we would make no comment.

Inasmuch as informant divulged his cooperation with the Bureau to an outside individual contrary to his statement of cooperation made by him to us March 10, 1953, the Bureau instructed by letter dated July 16, 1958, that the informant be discontinued as such.

The San Francisco Office advised the Bureau by letter dated August 4, 1958, that informant requested his name not be used in disseminated reports until after he is exposed as an informant. He stated he would testify if called upon. He said because of his wife's health, he intends to live in New Mexico or Arizona if he is exposed where his wife's health condition may be helped.

RECENT DEVELOPMENT:

Dave Sentner of the Hearst organization in Washington, at 4:15 PM November 18, 1958, telephoned Wick making reference to Karl Prussian's (informant) contact with the "San Francisco Examiner." He said the "Examiner," a Hearst newspaper, is considering dealing with Prussian in the preparation of either a book or a series of articles on communism. The "Examiner" wishes to know if he has been an informant or an undercover man and what we think of him. Sentner said he understood the man had been "gathering missile information" for us.

Memo Nease to Tolson:

11-19-58

Re: Karl Prussian

Former SF Informant 1740-S

Dave Sentner, Hearst Organization

RECOMMENDATION:

That Dave Sentner be advised we can make no comment concerning Prussian, cannot vouch for him but that he did serve as an informant in connection with security matters for us for a period extending from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated for information furnished. However, he was never a Special Agent of the FBI.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

✓ SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN
Former SF 1740-S

DATE: 12/17/58

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DATE 4/20/00 BY SP3ALM/dj

ReBulet 11/25/58.

PRUSSIAN was interviewed 12/9/58 and the advise suggested in relet as well as appropriate instructions from Section 107Q of the MI were discussed with him.

PRUSSIAN continued friendly and advised he has not yet resigned from the Communist Party (CP). He furnished information, the result of his continued contacts with the Party and promised to furnish additional information.

PRUSSIAN also furnished the following information regarding his book:

He has learned that a man named SENTNER of the Hearst Organization in Washington has or will in the future contact the Bureau. A man named CONNIFF, a writer with the Hearst Organization in San Francisco, has contacted PRUSSIAN twice and advises him that Hearst will very probably go ahead with PRUSSIAN's book. He has told PRUSSIAN he believes sale of this book would be enhanced by Congressional Committee Hearings on Communism. CONNIFF did not say they plan to furnish PRUSSIAN's name to a Congressional Committee but PRUSSIAN has the impression that this is contemplated. The impression is obtained that the Hearst Organization with or without PRUSSIAN's knowledge and consent may try to promote a Congressional Hearing held in San Francisco or Detroit with PRUSSIAN as the principal witness. This would be followed by issuance of his book.

PRUSSIAN said that this book as now planned is exactly the book he described to this office before. He said it will be in the form of a novel which will illustrate the psychological reasons a young man joins the CP and remains in.

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it after he has become disillusioned. It is to be biographic in that the central character will be a young Jewish boy seeking recognition as a scholar and failing that, as an athlete. After winning recognition as an athlete, he fails to receive the acclaim he feels is due possibly because of anti-semitism. The CP offers him the recognition he needs and provides a social life. He thereafter works in Detroit and Flint, Michigan, active in the CP and auto worker's unions. He participates in the Ford hunger march and the labor wars in the 1930's in Detroit. The book will then trace his disillusionment and renunciation of the CP and end in 1949 "when I began to help the FBI". He said the book will be so nearly biographical that he can be identified as its author if Detroit or San Francisco CP members who know him read the book. He said again that there would be no mention in the book of his work with the Bureau.

PRUSSIAN also volunteered the following:

He is being sued on an oral contract he had with ALLAN ISAKSEN, San Francisco SI Subject, and has filed a counter suit claiming damages for ISAKSEN's failure to perform on this contract. Briefly the facts are these:

Two years ago PRUSSIAN built a housing tract and not having a contractor's license hired ISAKSEN who does have one. ISAKSEN thereafter began running for political office and was away from the tract so much that he did not fulfill his duties and PRUSSIAN lost money. PRUSSIAN, therefore, refused to pay ISAKSEN a bonus previously agreed upon. PRUSSIAN said he hired ISAKSEN principally because he was then an important CP member and he kept him despite non performance because it was good business from a standpoint of his informant relationship. PRUSSIAN said that it may be to his advantage if this suit goes to trial to testify that he only kept ISAKSEN on after his failure to perform because of ISAKSEN's position in the CP and PRUSSIAN's situation as an FBI informant.

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For the Bureau's information, it is probably true that PRUSSIAN would have fired ISAKSEN if PRUSSIAN were not an informant since at the time he complained of ISAKSEN's non performance as well as that of an SI Subject [redacted] also employed by PRUSSIAN. At that time, PRUSSIAN was advised not to let his position as an informant influence his actions in this regard to the extent that it would cost him money. He stated then he would make his decision independent of these considerations. He does not now complain of these circumstances and said he mentioned them only to keep the Bureau advised of recent development.

PRUSSIAN believes this suit will be settled out of court and if not that he can win it without disclosing the above but thought he should mention the possibility. He did ask advice on this and none was offered him. Contact with PRUSSIAN will be continued and the Bureau advised.

On 12/17/58 [redacted], Public Relations Consultant, Chamber of Commerce Building, 1322 Webster St., Oakland, California, Telephone HYgate 4-1313, telephonically contacted this office stating that KARL PRUSSIAN had contacted him relative to exploiting his experiences as an informant for the FBI. [redacted] requested that an Agent contact him concerning PRUSSIAN. [redacted] was contacted on 12/17/58. He furnished the following information:

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PRUSSIAN approached [redacted] on Sunday, 12/14/58, and told [redacted] that the Hearst Newspapers were considering a series of articles, or possibly a book, regarding his experiences in the CP. He stated that he had furnished information to the FBI. [redacted] got the impression that PRUSSIAN wanted [redacted] to obtain for him immediate publicity through any news media possible, whether radio, television, magazine or book, in order that PRUSSIAN's proposed book would be a success if and when it is ever published. [redacted] stated that he told PRUSSIAN that he did not want to undertake any publicity of this nature without first getting clearance from the FBI, and that he would have to do this first and then give the matter further consideration. [redacted] was advised by Agents that they could make no comment regarding this matter. [redacted] stated that he was an ONI Agent for two years during the war and that he had an understanding of FBI policy. He stated that his present thinking in the matter was that he would not handle any work for PRUSSIAN.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 1/22/59

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: CARL PRUSSIAN
CONF. INFO Former SF 1740-S

Remylet 12/17/58.

PRUSSIAN was interviewed on 1/14/59 and he furnished a report of a CP Club meeting he had attended on the previous night. At that time he furnished the following additional information:

He has suffered substantial financial reverses in recent months, having invested all of his capital in the building of a new housing tract in San Jose, California. Due to his inability to obtain financing, he has been unable to complete houses he has started and he stands possibly to lose his entire investment. For that reason he is more anxious than ever to have his book or his series of articles for the Hearst Publications put into publication. Nothing more has been done toward actually writing a book or series of articles.

PRUSSIAN was interviewed 1/9/59 by Mr. WILLIAM WHEELER of the HCUA. He said Mr. WHEELER told him he was stationed in Los Angeles and is an investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. WHEELER told him that he had been instructed by his Washington Headquarters to interview PRUSSIAN concerning his associations as a CP member. He said Mr. WHEELER told him he knew a great deal about him from the old "Hamilton Fish Committee investigations of Detroit Communist activities," and was interested in the possibility of PRUSSIAN's giving testimony concerning these activities. PRUSSIAN told him he was more than willing to testify and he outlined generally for Mr. WHEELER the things he learned about the CP in Detroit. He said Mr. WHEELER expressed himself as impressed with PRUSSIAN's knowledge of the CP. He said Mr. WHEELER explained that the Walter Committee had been criticized in connection with security investigations. He said that

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nevertheless the HCUA contemplates an all-out attack on Communism and plans to hold further hearings in the immediate future. Mr. WHEELER did not tell PRUSSIAN whether such hearings might be on the West Coast or in Detroit and he did not tell PRUSSIAN whether he intended calling him. PRUSSIAN said he expects to hear from Mr. WHEELER within two weeks and he will then advise this office.

PRUSSIAN, on 1/20/59, advised he had on 1/19/59 received a subpoena to appear 2/23/59, probably in Washington, D. C., to give testimony in executive session before the Walter Committee. He said the service of this subpoena is not recorded and effort will be made to keep secret the fact he is going to testify.

PRUSSIAN stated his review of his CP career with Mr. WHEELER has refreshed his recollection of events in Detroit in the middle 1930s and, accordingly, report of his refreshed recollection has been taken from him and furnished to the Detroit Office.

PRUSSIAN was again cautioned to tell the truth in his testimony and reminded of dangers of libel suits and smears by the CP in the event of his giving inaccurate testimony. He again gave his assurance of his intention to limit his testimony to matters of which he is sure. PRUSSIAN indicated that WHEELER was most interested in the Cominfil Auto Industry in Detroit, Michigan, in the middle 1930s and that his testimony would for the most part concern that activity.

CAI Mr. WHEELER called at the San Francisco Office on 1/19/59 and advised he has interviewed PRUSSIAN at some length and plans on using him as a witness before HCUA Executive Session as stated. He stated further that he obtained PRUSSIAN's name through Hearst interests in Washington, D.C. He understands that ED MONTGOMERY, Hearst writer, has been assigned to do any story on PRUSSIAN. Mr. WHEELER, however, was doubtful if Hearst will do a story. He said if they do they will want exclusive rights since they are the people who put PRUSSIAN in touch with the Committee.

The Bureau will be advised of any further developments.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 2/10/59

FROM: *W B* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)SUBJECT: ⁰ KARL PRUSSIAN
Former SF 1740-S

B Remylets 1/22/59 and 12/17/58. wherein it was noted that PRUSSIAN had contacted [redacted], who operates a public relations agency in Oakland, California.

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[redacted] called at this office on 2/5/59 and was interviewed by ASAC BISHOP and SA [redacted]. He stated that he had been talking to WILLIAM WHEELER, of the HCUA, and the two of them had discussed the possibility of KARL PRUSSIAN being utilized as a speaker for various civic, church and school groups after he publicly testifies before the HCUA. [redacted] stated that no definite plans had been made in this regard, that it was merely in a talking stage and that he wondered if the Bureau would have any objection or sanction such action. He was advised that the Bureau could not sanction nor object to such a proposal. He stated that from his past experiences with the Bureau he is well aware of the Bureau's policy in this matter.

[redacted] stated that at the present time he is not quite sure himself of what his relationship with PRUSSIAN is, or will be. He stated that the House Committee has first called on PRUSSIAN to testify and it appears that the Hearst papers have also an interest in that they might publish some of the information furnished by PRUSSIAN. No concrete plans have yet been formalized.

[redacted] stated that he would report to this office any further contacts between PRUSSIAN and himself.

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Reurairtel 2-10-59 advising that Prussian requested permission to refresh his recollection by reviewing his informant reports and you properly informed him that such was not possible due to the confidential nature of these documents.

For the information of Los Angeles, where Prussian is scheduled to appear in Executive Session before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on 2-23-59, former informant Prussian has been advised by San Francisco in accordance with Section 107 Q of the Manual of Instructions to be certain to stick to the truth if he testifies and make certain he can back up what he says. In the event Los Angeles requires additional background data on Prussian, such data should be furnished by San Francisco.

Since Prussian is scheduled to meet with the HCUA in Executive Session and he has indicated he is desirous of publicizing his Communist Party (CP) activity, both offices should remain alert and keep the Bureau advised of any current developments.

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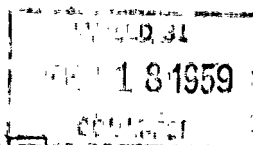
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Prussian was active in CP from 1933 to 1938 when he dropped out for personal reasons. In July, 1947, and again during April, 1949, he contacted SFO and expressed desire to help Bureau. He became informant in November, 1949. On behalf of Bureau he reactivated in CP May, 1955, and in July, 1957, he stated he contemplated publishing a book concerning his past CP activity in the Detroit area. He said he would do nothing concerning this book until his relationship with the Bureau ended and SFO was cautioned to closely follow this situation. In June, 1958, Prussian advised that he discussed

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with his attorney publicizing his past and he in turn was introduced to a Hearst newspaperman. During interview with newspaperman Prussian disclosed his relationship with the Bureau. In view of his disclosure Prussian was ordered discontinued by Bureau as informant and he was so advised 7-20-58. He was friendly and said he would not drop out of the CP until he had culminated his plans to write his story. On 11-18-58 Washington representative of the Hearst Organization called the Bureau re Prussian and was advised that he furnished information from November, 1949, to July, 1958. When contacted Prussian said that he has been in touch with the Hearst Organization but he has no definite commitment. In January, 1959, Prussian advised that he was interviewed by William Wheeler of HCUA who said that he had been instructed by his Washington, D. C., headquarters to interview Prussian re his possibility of being a witness. According to Prussian Wheeler was impressed with Prussian's knowledge of the CP and SFO has now advised Prussian will appear in Executive Session in LA 2-23-59.

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Re San Francisco ltr to Bureau 12/17/58 and 1/22/59.

It is noted that PRUSSIAN is scheduled to testify before the HCUA in Executive Session at Los Angeles, California, on 2/23/59. A copy of this airtel is furnished to Los Angeles for its information.

PRUSSIAN requested of this office on 2/9/59 that he be permitted to review the informant reports that he has submitted to this office during the past years. He stated that the purpose of this review would not be to obtain information for any future publications that might come out, but for the specific purpose of refreshing his memory as to names, dates and places, in order that his testimony before the HCUA Executive Session at Los Angeles on 2/23/59 be accurate. PRUSSIAN was advised that the reports that he furnished were confidential, just like other Bureau records, and that they would not be available for him. He stated he was making this request because WILLIAM WHEELER, of the HCUA, had asked him to refresh his memory in the best possible manner. WILLIAM WHEELER, of the HCUA, has contacted this office and has advised this office that the HCUA will meet in Executive Session at Los Angeles on 2/23/59, and that PRUSSIAN is scheduled to testify. He has not made any request of this office for information regarding KARL PRUSSIAN's reports. He is well aware of the Bureau's policy in these matters and would not make such a request.

The Agent handling this informant has noted that PRUSSIAN does not have a good memory for names, dates and places and it is his opinion that PRUSSIAN would not be inclined to make an effective witness because of this failing. PRUSSIAN himself has indicated that he is weak on these points and this fact has probably prompted him into making a request for a review of his previous reports. Any further developments will be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

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RE KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF 1740-S. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE, HCUA, LOS ANGELES, TODAY ADVISED PRUSSIAN WILL APPEAR BEFORE EXECUTIVE SESSION, HCUA, STATLER-HILTON, 2 PM. HE STATED PRUSSIAN, ACTIVE CP MEMBER SAN FRANCISCO, HAS CONSENTED TO APPEAR ON TOM DUGGAN TELEVISION SHOW ON KCOP, CHANNEL 13, 10 PM THIS DATE. PRUSSIAN WILL APPEAR COMPLETELY DISGUISED EITHER WEARING HOOD OR SITTING IN DEEP SHADOW AND WILL REPRESENT SELF AS CURRENT MEMBER SCDP. QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED HIM WILL BE LARGELY PREPARED BY WHEELER. LOS ANGELES WILL TAPE INTERVIEW. PRUSSIAN CONTACTED BY SA JOHN S. TEMPLE THIS DATE AND ADVISED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN GENERALITIES RATHER THAN SPECIFICS. HE WAS TOLD TO STICK TO TRUTH AND NOT REVEAL HIS PAST RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS BUREAU. HE STATED THAT IF ASKED HE WOULD IMPLY HE WAS WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCY, NAMELY HCUA. FOR INFORMATION BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO, DUGGAN IS POPULAR CONTROVERSIAL TV PERSONALITY IN LOS ANGELES. HE INTERVIEWED HCUA CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER ON FEBRUARY 25 LAST AND CONGRESSMAN DONALD L. JACKSON DURING LATTER PART OF OCTOBER 1958. HIS PROGRAM IN BOTH INSTANCES WELL-RECEIVED LOCALLY. LOS ANGELES WILL FOLLOW AND PROMPTLY REPORT PERTINENT DETAILS. REC-69 61-9152-74

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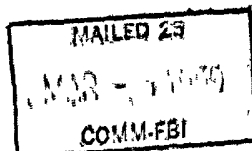
It is noted that you again properly advised Prussian he could not review his informant reports to refresh his recollection and in view of the fact that he was discontinued for disclosing his confidential relationship you should not encourage him to furnish information which he may obtain as a result of his alleged Communist Party activity. If he does volunteer information it should be used for lead purposes only.

Keep the Bureau advised of all developments in this situation.

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FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 032224

KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF 1740-S. REBULET FEBRUARY 18 LAST. PRUSSIAN PERSONALLY CAME TO THIS OFFICE ON MARCH 2 TO ASK ME IF THERE WAS SOME ARRANGEMENT THAT COULD BE MADE TO PERMIT HIM TO REVIEW THE REPORTS HE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WHEN HE WAS A BUREAU INFORMANT. THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF HIS PREVIOUS REPORTS WAS AGAIN EXPLAINED TO HIM. HE STATED THAT HE HAD TALKED OVER HIS FUTURE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HCUA WITH REPRESENTATIVE FRANCIS E. WALTER AND WALTER HAD INDICATED THAT HE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REFRESH HIS MEMORY IN THE BEST POSSIBLE MANNER. PRUSSIAN STATED THAT WALTER DID NOT SPECIFICALLY TELL HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI FOR HIS PREVIOUS REPORTS. PRUSSIAN STATED IT WAS EVIDENT AFTER HIS CONVERSATION WITH WALTER THAT THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE MADE IF POSSIBLE. HE STATED THAT TO INSURE ACCURACY AND AVOID GENERALITIES IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HCUA, A REVIEW OF HIS PREVIOUS REPORTS WOULD CERTAINLY SEEM IN ORDER. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS VERY WEAK AS TO NAMES, DATES AND PLACES AND SPECIFICS WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN GENERALITIES IN HIS FUTURE HCUA TESTIMONY. HE STATED THAT HIS REQUEST TO REVIEW HIS PREVIOUS REPORTS SEEMED REASONABLE AND LOGICAL SINCE ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE HEARING IS TO ALERT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE DANGERS OF COMMUNISM AND THAT IT DID NOT SEEM RIGHT TO HIM THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,

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THE HCUA AND FBI, WOULD NOT WORK TOGETHER IN MAKING THE HEARING AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RULES CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF FBI RECORDS WERE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO HIM AND IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE HCUA WAS NOT A PART OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT ALL LIAISON BETWEEN THE HCUA AND THE FBI WAS HANDLED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE WAS TOLD THAT HIS PREVIOUS REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE A MATTER OF RECORD WITH THE BUREAU IN WASHINGTON AND THAT THIS PRESENT REQUEST WOULD BE TREATED IN THE SAME MANNER. HE WAS AGAIN CAUTIONED TO TELL THE TRUTH IN HIS FUTURE TESTIMONY. REPRESENTATIVE WALTER HAS INFORMED HIM THAT THE HCUA HEARING WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO IN ABOUT TEN DAYS. HE WAS ADVISED THAT IF THERE WAS ANY CHANGE OF POLICY BY THE BUREAU AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING HIS REQUEST, THAT HE WOULD BE SO NOTIFIED BY THIS OFFICE.

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